Comment dit-on en français?

1. They (fem.) know how to read and write. ___________________________

2. I don’t know how to swim. ______________________________________

3. Do you (fam.) know how to ski? ________________________________

4. He doesn’t know how to drive. _________________________________

5. We know how to fly (piloter) an airplane. ________________________

6. Do you (pol.) know how to prepare this dish? ____________________

Savoir is used in the main clause (at the beginning of the sentence) when a subordinate clause follows. Subordinate clauses are introduced by words such as quand (when), où (where), si (whether), pourquoi (why), qui (who), comment (how), combien (how much, how many), que (that), quel, quelle (which, what), etc.

Je ne sais pas pourquoi il est fâché.                                I don’t know why he is angry.
Sais-tu comment il va?                                               Do you know how he is (doing)?
Il sait que c’est vrai.                                               He knows (that) this is true.

Note: In English, one can either say “I know that this is true,” or “I know this is true.” In French, the conjunction que (that) cannot be omitted after savoir.

Je sais que tu as raison.                                               I know (that) you are right.
Sais-tu qu’elle est enceinte?                                        Do you know (that) she is pregnant?

EXERCICE
2.19

Comment dit-on en français?

1. We don’t know where he works. ________________________________

2. They (masc.) know (that) you (pol.) are demanding (exigeant[e]). _______________________

3. I don’t know whether he is coming to the party. ___________________

4. Do you (fam.) know when the movie begins? ______________________

5. He knows who is responsible. _________________________________

6. She doesn’t know why the baby cries. __________________________

7. Do you (pol.) know how much he earns? _________________________

8. Does she know how long (combien de temps) he is going to stay? __________________________