

CAN / CAN'T – FORM & USE

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FORM

POSITIVE

I/You/He/She/etc. can sing.

NEGATIVE

I/You/He/She/etc. cannot sing.

I/You/He/She/etc. can't sing.

QUESTION

Can I/You/He/She/etc. sing?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes, I/You/He/She/etc. can.

No, I/You/He/She/etc. cannot.

No, I/You/He/She/etc. can't.

USE

ABILITY

Laura can sing very well.

I can't speak German.

PERMISSION

Can I sit here?

You can't park your car here.

POSSIBILITY

I can't come to the party.

Can you go?

X She cans swim.

COMMON



✓ She can swim.

X Do you can speak English?

✓ Can you speak English?

X I can't to come.

✓ I can't come.

MISTAKES

ORDERING / ASKING FOR SOMETHING

Can I have a soda, please?

Can you drive me to the station?