

can (ability)

Interrogative and short answers

Interrogative

Can I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they sing?

Short answers

Yes, I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they can.

No, I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they can't.

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1 Complete the dialogue with can or can't.

- A Can you speak French?
B No, I ¹ _____.
A ² _____ you make a cake?
B Yes, I ³ _____, but not very well.
A ⁴ _____ you play a musical instrument?
B Yes, I ⁵ _____. I can play the piano.

2 Write questions and answers.

| | Rob | Kate | Kevin |
|---------------|-----|------|-------|
| ride a bike | ✓ | X | ✓ |
| ski | X | ✓ | X |
| swim | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| play football | ✓ | ✓ | X |

Rob / ride a bike?

Can Rob ride a bike? Yes, he can.

- 1 Kate / ski?

2 Rob and Kevin / ski?

3 Kate / ride a bike?

4 Rob, Kate, and Kevin / swim?

5 Rob / play football?

6 Kevin / play football?

Complete the questions and answers with can or can't.

- A Can you spell this word?
B No, I can't.
1 A _____ Fiona understand Russian?
B Yes, she _____.
2 A _____ he ride a bike?
B No, he _____.
3 A _____ Rob and Celia sing karaoke?
B Yes, they _____.
4 A _____ you and Alessia play basketball?
B Yes, we _____.
5 A _____ you make a pizza?
B No, I _____.
6 A _____ Mr Roberts skateboard?
B No, he _____.

Complete the questions and short answers with the phrases in the box.

Can David Can you I can
No, they they can't Yes, she

Can my friends speak German?

No, they can't.

- 1 A Can you sing karaoke?
B Yes, _____.
2 A _____ play chess?
B No, he can't.
3 A Can Maria cook well?
B _____ can.
4 A Can your brothers swim?
B _____ can't.
5 A _____ play an instrument?
B Yes, we can.