

CAN – CAN'T

We use can/can't to talk about abilities:

- 1 I **can** sing, but I **can't** dance.
- 2 I **can** come on Tuesday,
but I **can't** come on Wednesday.
- 3 You **can** park here. You **can't** park there.
- 4 Can you help me? Can I open the window?

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• can + infinitive has different meanings:

- 1 I **can** (sing) = I know how to.
I **can't** (dance) = I don't know how to.
- 2 I **can** (come) = It's possible for me.
I **can't** (come) = It's not possible for me.
- 3 You **can** (park here) = It's OK. / It's permitted.
You **can't** (park here) = It's not OK. / It's not permitted.
- 4 Can you (help me)? = Please do it.
Can I (open the window)? = Is it OK if I do it?

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I / You / He / She / It / We / They	can	swim. come. help.	I / You / He / She / It / We / They	can't	swim. come. help.

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Can	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	swim? come? help?	Yes,	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	can.	No,	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	can't.

- can and can't are the same for all persons (I, you, he, etc.).
NOT ~~He cans.~~
- **Contraction:** can't = cannot.
- We don't use to after can.
I **can swim**. **NOT** ~~I can to swim.~~