

Grammar and Writing

Can + Verb

Use **can** + verb to talk about things someone is able to do.

She **can** play basketball.

Use **cannot** or **can't** + verb for things someone is not able to do.

He **cannot** ride a bike well.

cannot → can't

To ask a question, use **can** + subject + verb.

Can she play? Yes, she **can**. Can he play? No, he **can't**.

Practice A

Write what the person is not able to do.

- The girl can swim. The girl can't swim. OR The girl cannot swim.
- Leo can dance well. Leo _____ well.
- My brother can play basketball. My brother _____ basketball well.
- Natalia can do her chores. Natalia _____ her chores.
- We can stay on our bikes. We _____ on our bikes.

Practice B

Add **can** or **can't**. Write the sentences.

- Can you sing? No, I can't.
- _____ your brother ride a bike? No, he _____.
- _____ Louisa do her chores? Yes, she _____.
- _____ cats play basketball? No, they _____.
- _____ the baby clean his room? No, he _____.

Apply

Ask and answer questions. Use words in the box.

Example: A: Can you dance well?

B: Yes, I can.

dance
play basketball
ride a bike
swim

Write

Write about what you **can** and **can't** do.

I can sing and ride a bike.
I can read well. I can swim well.
I can't dance.