

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?

ORDERING / ASKING FOR SOMETHING

⇒ **Can** I have a soda, please?

⇒ **Can** you drive me to the station?

✗ She cans swim.

✓ She can swim.

✗ Do you can speak English?

✓ Can you speak English?

✗ I can't to come.

✓ I can't come.

COMMON



MISTAKES