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.

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 _____.

2 Write questions and answers.

	Rob	Kate	Kevin
ride a bike	✓	✗	✓
ski	✗	✓	✗
swim	✓	✓	✓
play football	✓	✓	✗

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 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.