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1 Write in your notebook

A. Ability: Can and Could

Affirmative	Negative	Question
I / He / Amy **can** swim.	I / He / Amy **can't** swim.	**Can** you / he / Amy swim?
I/He **could** swim.	I/He **couldn't** swim.	**Could** you/he swim?

- **Can** expresses ability, what you know how to do, in the present or future.
- Affirmative sentences: **can + verb (simple)**
- Negative sentences: **can't + verb (simple)** (can't = cannot or can not)
- **Could** is the past form of **can**. (couldn't = could not)
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, ~ can/could. No, ~ can't/couldn't.

2 Complete the sentence using the correct form of can or could

1 count ✗ My little brother ..... can't count ..... to one hundred yet.

2 write ● I ..... the alphabet two years ago.

3 ride ? ..... you ..... a bike last year?

4 speak ✗ My teacher ..... Greek.

5 swim ? ..... Amy ..... in the ocean?

6 walk ● I ..... when I was one year old.

7 use ✗ Tom ..... the computer when he was a baby.

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3 Write in your notebook
Permission: May and Can

Affirmative	Negative	Question
You **may** / **can** sit down.	You **may not** / **can't** sit down.	**May** / **Can** I sit down?

- **May** and **can** are used to give permission. (**May** is more formal than **can**.)
- In negative sentences, **may not** or **can't (cannot)** is used.
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, ~ may/can. No, ~ may not/can't.

4 Complete the sentence using the correct form of may or can.

1 ⊗ You .....may not..... watch TV. We are having dinner.

2 ◎ You ..... have a cookie and milk.

3 ? ..... I use your phone?

4 ⊗ It's getting dark outside. You ..... play outside.

5 ◎ It's Sunday tomorrow. You ..... stay up until midnight.

5 Write in your notebook

Affirmative	Negative	Question
It **will** rain.	It **won't** rain.	**Will** it rain?

- **Will** is used to express the future tense.
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, ~ will. No, ~ won't. (won't = will + not)

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6 Complete the sentences using will

1	go	◉	Kelly .....will go..... to the library tomorrow.
2	see	?	..... they ..... a movie tomorrow? Yes, they .....
3	be	✕	There ..... many people at the game tomorrow.
4	stay	◉	I ..... home all day tomorrow.

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