

CAN / CAN'T

•We use **can**

a) to express ability.

I can play the guitar.

b)to make a request

Can you help me with my homework, please?

c)to ask permission

Can I go out, please?

•**Can** is the same in all persons. The negative of **can** is **cannot** or **can't**. (NOT: can-not)

Affirmative	I /you/he/she/it/we/you/they can walk.
Negative	I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they cannot (can't) walk
Interrogative	Can I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they walk?
Short answers	Yes , I /you/he/she/it/we/they can No , I/you/he/she/it/we/they can't .

Ex.1 Look at the table and fill in **can** or **can't**:

	Betty	Jason	Linda
cook	√	X	X
draw	√	X	√
sing	X	X	√
speak English	X	√	√
play the guitar	√	√	X
ride a bike	√	√	√

1.Lindacook but shedraw.

2.Jasonspeak English and heplay the guitar but hecook.

3.Bettysing but shedraw.

4.Betty, Jason and Lindaride a bike.

5.Betty and Jasonsing but theyplay the guitar.

Ex.2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences

1.play the guitar/ I / can

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2.you/ ride a bike/ can/ ?

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3.can't / Mary/ sing/ very well

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4.play basketball/ can/ he/ ?

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5.David / speak Russian / can

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6.play the piano/ they/ can/ ?

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Ex.3 Ask and answer questions, as in the examples:

1.it/ talk? No

2.Tom/ read? Yes

A: *Can it talk?*

A: *Can Tom read?*

B: *No, it can't.*

B: *Yes, he can.*

3.John/ play basketball? Yes

A:.....

B:.....

4.Mary/ swim/ No

A:.....

B:.....

5.the parrot/ read? No

A:.....

B:.....

6.the children / use the computer/ Yes

A:.....

B:.....

7.he / see/ No

A:.....

B:.....

8.Ann/ cook/ No

A:.....

B:.....

Ex.4 Make sentences which are true using *can* or *can't*

- 1.A cat/ fly →.....
- 2.A monkey / climb trees →.....
- 3.A pilot / fly a plane →.....
- 4.A dog/ talk →.....
- 5.A fish / walk →.....
- 6.A baker/ make bread →.....
- 7.A hamster/ ride a bicycle →.....

Ex.5 Choose the correct option.

- 1.She **can/ can't** speak French, but she can't speak Spanish.
- 2.He is very tired. He **can/ can't** play football now.
- 3.My little sister is very musical. She **can/ can't** sing and play the piano.
- 4.My grandpa is 85. He is very fit, but he **can/ can't** ride a bike.
- 5.I **can / can't** stand on my head! Isn't it great?
- 6.Please help me look for my pen. I **can/ can't** find it!

Ex.6 Answer the questions about you.

- 1.Can you play the piano?
- 2.Can you speak Spanish?
- 3.Can you ride a horse?
- 4.Can you stand on your head?
- 5.Can you make a cake?
- 6.Can you run for two hours?

Ex.7 Write the answers to the questions:

- 1.Can you ride a horse? Yes,
- 2.Can I borrow a blue pen, please? No,
- 3.Can Thomas speak Japanese? No,
- 4.Can your friends come tomorrow? Yes,
- 5.Can your dad run fast? No,
- 6.Can I open the window? No,