5.3 Grammar

can questions and short answers

?	Short answers
Can I swim?	Yes, I can. / No, I can't.
Can you swim?	Yes, you can. / No, you can't.
Can he/she/it swim?	Yes, he/she/it can. / No, he/she/it can't.
Can we/you/they swim?	Yes, we/you/they can. / No, we/you/they can't.

What can we do? We can help.

1 Read the sentences and write questions.

1 They can swim. *Can they swim?*
2 I can draw. _____
3 Tom can run fast. _____
4 May can sing well. _____
5 We can help. _____
6 The cat can climb. _____

2 Look at the picture. Answer the questions with the short answers in the box.

Yes, he can. No, he can't. No, she can't.
No, it can't. ~~Yes, they can.~~ No, they can't.



1 Can Kit and Dug see the boat? *Yes, they can.*
2 Can the boy and girl swim? _____
3 Can their mum swim? _____
4 Can Dug swim? _____
5 Can the small dog help? _____
6 Can Dug help? _____

3 Write questions.

1 you / fix a bike?
Can you fix a bike?
2 you / play volleyball?
_____
3 your mum / speak English?
_____
4 your classmates / speak Spanish?
_____
5 you / ride a horse?
_____
6 your best friend / play the piano?
_____

4 Answer the questions in Exercise 3 so that they are true for you.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____

***5** Complete the dialogues with the correct form of the verb *can* and the verbs in the box.

dance help play see





1 A: [1] *Can* you [2] _____ those red apples?
B: Yes, I [3] _____.
A: [4] _____ you [5] _____ me, please? I'm too short.
B: No problem.
2 A: [6] _____ they [7] _____?
B: Yes, they [8] _____.
A: [9] _____ the girl [10] _____ the piano too?
B: No, she [11] _____.

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