

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. Can I draw?
- 3 Tom can run fast. Can Tom run fast?
- 4 May can sing well. Can May sing well?
- 5 We can help. Can we help?
- 6 The cat can climb. Can the cat 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? Yes, they can.
- 3 Can their mum swim? No, she can't.
- 4 Can Dug swim? No, he can't.
- 5 Can the small dog help? Yes, it can.
- 6 Can Dug help? No, he can't.

3 Write questions.

1 you / fix a bike?

Can you fix a bike?

2 you / play volleyball?

Can you play volleyball?

3 your mum / speak English?

Can your mum speak English?

5 you / ride a horse?

Can you ride a horse?

4 your classmates / speak Spanish?

Can your classmates speak Spanish?

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

- 1 Yes, I can.
- 2 Yes, I can.
- 3 Yes, I can.
- 4 Yes, I can.
- 5 Yes, I can.
- 6 Yes, I can.

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

dance help play see



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1 A: ¹ Can you ² see those red apples?

B: Yes, I ³ can.

A: ⁴ Can you ⁵ help me, please? I'm too short.

B: No problem.

2 A: ⁶ Can they ⁷ dance?

B: Yes, they ⁸ can.

A: ⁹ Can the girl ¹⁰ play the piano too?

B: No, she ¹¹ can't.