

3 Our things

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Can for permission and requests



Questions

Can I ...?
Can you ...?
Can he ...?
Can she ...?
Can it ...?
Can we ...?
Can you ...?
Can they ...?

Short answers

Yes, I can .	No, I can't .
Yes, you can .	No, you can't .
Yes, he can .	No, he can't .
Yes, she can .	No, she can't .
Yes, it can .	No, it can't .
Yes, you can .	No, you can't .
Yes, we can .	No, we can't .
Yes, they can .	No, they can't .

We often use **can** to talk about ability.

*I **can** play the guitar.*

We use **Can I ...?** or **Can we ...?** when we ask permission to do something.

***Can I** ride your bike? **Can we** turn on the television?*

We use **Can you ...?** when we ask someone to do something for us (a request).

We can add a **comma + please** at the end of a request to make it sound more polite.

***Can you** buy some bread? **Can you** turn off the radio, **please**?*

When someone asks permission, we reply using the short answer form with **you**.

***Can I** use the computer? Yes, **you can**.*

1 Read these sentences. Do they talk about permission or a request?

Write **P** or **R**.

- 1 Can I turn on the TV? P
- 2 Can you pass the sugar, please? _____
- 3 Can we play in the garden? _____
- 4 Can you turn off the radio? _____
- 5 Can you go to the shops for me? _____
- 6 Can we go out for dinner, Mum? _____

2 Write sentences to ask permission.

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1 I / have / an apple / ?
<u>Can I have an apple?</u> | 2 I / use / your mobile phone / ?
_____ |
| 3 I / turn up / the radio / ?
_____ | 4 I / turn down / the music / ?
_____ |
| 5 I / take / this pen / ?
_____ | 6 we / borrow / these books / ?
_____ |
| 7 we / turn on / the DVD player / ?
_____ | 8 we / listen to / the CD player / ?
_____ |

3 Put the words in the correct order to write requests.

- 1 pass / sugar / Can / please / you / the / ?
Can you pass the sugar, please?
- 2 you / Can / please / the / turn up / radio / ?

- 3 Can / curtains / the / open / you / ?

- 4 you / turn off / the / Can / music / ?

- 5 turn down / you / television / please / Can / the / ?

- 6 wash / you / the / car / Can / please / ?

4 Match questions and answers from the box. Write them next to the pictures.

Can we sit here?
Can I have some cake?
~~Can I have an apple?~~
Can I borrow your newspaper, please?
Can I have a new handbag?

No, you can't.
Yes, you can.
No, you can't.
~~Yes, you can.~~
Yes, you can.



Can I have an apple?
Yes, you can.



5 Look at the table. Write questions to ask for permission and make requests.

Permission	Request
1 turn up the music	2 turn off the DVD player
3 go to the cinema	4 give me the newspaper
5 play with my friends	6 go to the shop for me
7 have a new coat	8 help me in the kitchen

- 1 Can I turn up the music?
- 2 Can you turn off the DVD player, please?
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

Possessive adjectives

my your his her its your our their

This is **my** DVD. That's **your** CD player.

6 Complete the sentences. Write **our**, **your**, or **their**.

- 1 Our book is red.
Your book is blue.
- 2 Is this _____ dog?
Yes, it's _____ dog.
- 3 Is this _____ camera?
No, it's _____ camera.
- 4 _____ cake is big.
_____ cake is small.
- 5 Is this _____ project?
Yes, it's _____ project.

