3 Our things

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Can for permission and requests



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

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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 cut for dinner, Mum? _____

2 Write sentences to ask permission.

1 I / have / an apple / ?
Can I have an apple?

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 / ?
_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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

Can we sit here?	No, you can't.
Can I have some cake?	Yes, you can.
~~Can I have an apple?~~	No, you can't.
Can I borrow your newspaper, please?	~~Yes, you can.~~
Can I have a new handbag?	Yes, you can.

1



Can I have an apple?
Yes, you can.

2



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LIVEWORKSHEETS

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.











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