14 Abilities

Can and can't

Can means that you are able to do something. It always comes before another verb.

A bird can fly. It can fly.
Alison can run. She can run.

Can't means that you are not able to do something.

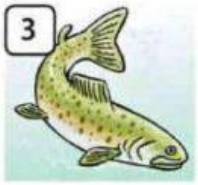
A snake can't run. It can't run.
Jamie can't fly. He can't fly.

can't = cannot

1 True or false? Write T or F.

A bird can sing. T
A bird can't sing. F

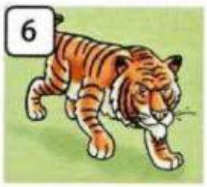
A monkey can sing. ____
A monkey can't sing. ____



A fish can swim. ____
A fish can't swim. ____

A parrot can swim. ____
A parrot can't swim. ____

A snake can run. ____
A snake can't run. ____



A tiger can run. ____
A tiger can't run. ____

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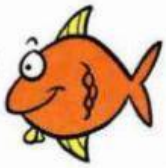
2 Write the words in the correct order.

1

zebra A can't fly

A zebra can't fly.

2 

A walk can't fish

_____.

3

monkey A can run

_____.

4

parrot A swim can't

_____.

5

A talk can't cat

_____.

6

can play Alison

_____.

3 Write can or can't.

1 Jamie can write.
A monkey _____ write.

2 Jamie _____ swim.
A fish _____ swim.

3 Jamie _____ run.
A snake _____ run.

4 A bird _____ fly.
Jamie _____ fly.

4 Write true sentences.

	sing	run	climb	fly
bird	✓	✗	✗	✓
monkey	✗	✓	✓	✗

1 bird / sing
A bird can sing.

2 monkey / fly
A monkey can't fly.

3 bird / run
_____.

4 monkey / climb
_____.

5 bird / fly
_____.

6 monkey / run
_____.

7 bird / climb
_____.

8 monkey / sing
_____.

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5 Tick (✓) and write about you.

	I can	I can't
talk	✓	
run		
fly		
walk		
sing		
swim		

1 I can talk.
2 _____.
3 _____.
4 _____.
5 _____.
6 _____.

Can it ...? Yes, it can. No, it can't.

Can it ...? is a yes/no question. We use it to find out what animals and things are able to do.

Yes, it can and **No, it can't** are short answers. We can use them if the question begins **Can it ...?**

Can it run? ✓ **Yes, it can.** ✗ **No, it can't.**

We use **can he** or **can she** to find out what people are able to do.

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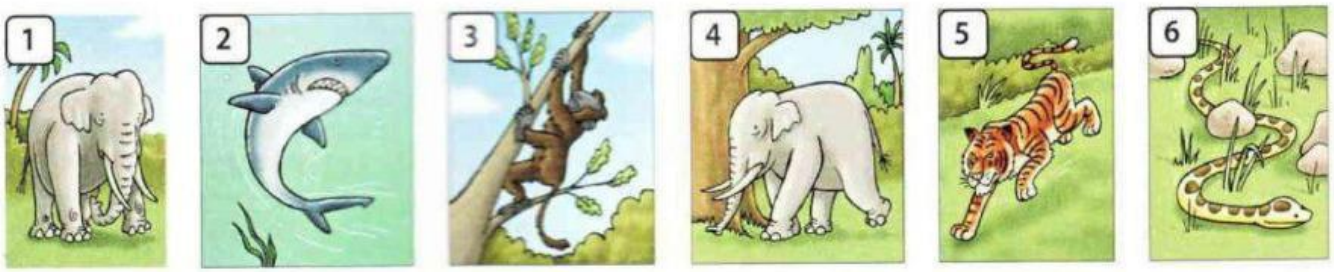
6 Match.



Can it fly? Can it swim? Can it climb? Can it climb? Can it run? Can it run?

No, it can't. Yes, it can.

7 Look and write.

Can he | Can she | Can it | ~~Yes, he can~~ | Yes, he can
Yes, it can | No, she can't | No, she can't | No, it can't

1

Can he run?

Yes, he can.

2

Can she swim?

_____, _____.

3

Can it run?

_____, _____.

4

_____ talk?

_____, _____.

5

_____ fly?

_____, _____.

6

_____ climb?

_____, _____.

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