Life

Beginner Unit 5a

can/can't, can questions and short answers



A: Can she play tennis?

B: Yes she can.



A: Can he play tennis?

B: No he can't.

Presentation

Affirmative and negative

I/You He/She/It We/You/They	can	play table tennis. speak English. swim.
	can't (cannot)	

Questions

Can	I/you he/she/it we/you/they	swim? play the piano? speak Spanish?

Short answers

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

Key vocabulary **Everyday actions:** play, swim, run, cook, speak, fly, drive, walk, sing

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Exercises

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

1	I can play	b	a	I can.
2	No,		b	the piano.
3	Can you		c	swim.
4	I can't		d	a bike?
5	Yes,		e	speak French?
6	Can you ride		f	I can't.

2 Choose the correct word.

1 (Can) / *Can't* you speak Russian?
2 My parents can speak Italian and they *can* / *can't* speak English.
3 No, I *can* / *can't*.
4 I can't play the guitar but I *can* / *can't* sing.
5 Can you *drive* / *ride* a car?
6 Yes, I *can* / *can't*.

3 Complete the conversations with *can* or *can't*.

Conversation 1

A: [1] Can you speak German?
B: No, I [2] ..... but I [3] ..... speak Japanese.

Conversation 2

A: [4] ..... she play the piano?
B: Yes, she [5] ...... And she [6] ..... sing.

Conversation 3

A: [7] ..... your son drive a car?
B: No, he [8] ..... but he [9] ..... ride a bike.

Conversation 4

A: I can cook pasta. [10] ..... you?
B: Yes, I [11] .....

Conversation 5

A: [12] ..... your children swim?
B: No, they [13] .....

4 Write three sentences about you with *can*.

For example: I can swim.

1 I can .....
2 I can .....
3 I can .....

5 Write three questions with *Can you ... ?* Then ask your partner.

1 Can you ..... ?
2 Can you ..... ?
3 Can you ..... ?

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