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1 Write in your notebook

A. Ability: Can and Could

Affirmative	Negative	Question
I He can swim. Amy	I He can't swim. Amy	Can you he swim? Amy
I/He could swim.	I/He couldn't swim.	Could you/he swim?

- **Can** expresses ability, what you know how to do, in the present or future.
- Affirmative sentences: **can + verb (simple)**
- Negative sentences: **can't + verb (simple)** (can't = cannot or can not)
- **Could** is the past form of **can**. (couldn't = could not)
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, - can/could. No, - can't/couldn't.

2 Complete the sentence using the correct form of can or could

- 1 count  My little brother **can't count** to one hundred yet.
- 2 write  I the alphabet two years ago.
- 3 ride  you a bike last year?
- 4 speak  My teacher Greek.
- 5 swim  Amy in the ocean?
- 6 walk  I when I was one year old.
- 7 use  Tom the computer when he was a baby.



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3 Write in your notebook Permission: May and Can

Affirmative	Negative	Question
You may sit down. You can sit down.	You may not sit down. You can't sit down.	May I sit down? Can I sit down?

- **May** and **can** are used to give permission. (**May** is more formal than **can**.)
- In negative sentences, **may not** or **can't (cannot)** is used.
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, ~ may/can. No, ~ may not/can't.

4 Complete the sentence using the correct form of may or can.

- 1 ☒ You may not watch TV. We are having dinner.
- 2 ☒ You can have a cookie and milk.
- 3 ☐ Can I use your phone?
- 4 ☒ It's getting dark outside. You can't play outside.
- 5 ☒ It's Sunday tomorrow. You can't stay up until midnight.

5 Write in your notebook

Affirmative	Negative	Question
It will rain.	It won't rain.	Will it rain?

- **Will** is used to express the future tense.
- Answers to yes/no questions: Yes, ~ will. No, ~ won't. (won't = will + not)



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6 Complete the sentences using will

- 1 go ☒ Kelly will go to the library tomorrow.
- 2 see ☐ Will they see a movie tomorrow? Yes, they will.
- 3 be ☐ There will be many people at the game tomorrow.
- 4 stay ☒ I will stay home all day tomorrow.

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