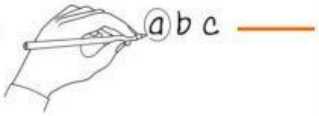
BRITISH COUNCIL

LearnEnglish Kids

Modals – 'can' and 'can't'

We can use *can* and *can't* to talk about abilities in the present.

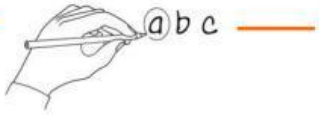


1. True or false?

Read and circle true or false for these sentences.

I know lots of sports. I **can** swim and I **can** play football. I **can** play basketball too because we practise at school! But I **can't** play tennis. What else **can** I do? Well, I **can't** speak German or French but I **can** speak English and Arabic!

a.	She can swim.	*true*	*false*
b.	She can't play football.	*true*	*false*
c.	She practises basketball at school.	*true*	*false*
d.	She can play tennis.	*true*	*false*
e.	She can't speak Arabic.	*true*	*false*



2. Choose the answer!

Read the sentence. Circle the correct answer.

a. I can _____. **to swim / swim / swimming**

b. She _____ ride a bike. **can / cans / know**

c. Can you _____ tennis? **plays / to play / play**

d. He _____ speak Spanish. **isn't / can'ts / can't**

e. _____ run fast? **They can / Can they / Are they**

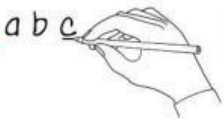
f. He can't _____ five pizzas! **eat / ate / to eat**

g. We _____ dinner. **can to cook / can cook / can cooking**

h. What sports _____ play? **you can / are you / can you**

© British Council, 2017 The United Kingdom's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. We are registered in England as a charity.

LIVEWORKSHEETS



3. Make it right!

Find the mistake in each sentence and correct it.

a. She can't ~~driving~~ a car. *She can't **drive** a car.*

b. I can't to play chess. _____

c. He cans make a cake. _____

d. They can't to sing very well. _____

e. Can you eating with chopsticks? _____

f. She can'ts ride a horse. _____

g. He can speaking three languages. _____

h. How many musical instruments you can play? _____

4. Write and draw!

What sports can you play? What languages can you speak? What else can you do? Write about yourself like in exercise 1 and draw a picture!

.....

.....

.....

© British Council, 2017 The United Kingdom's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. We are registered in England as a charity.

LIVEWORKSHEETS