

Question Word + do/does + subject + verb...?

Remember to use “does” if the subject is **he, she, it, or one person, one thing, or one animal** (not I or You).

After the verb, you can use an infinitive, object, place, or time.

Use this pattern to make 5 questions in present tense.

Example:

A: What do you want to eat?

B: I want to eat pizza.

Lesson B:

What can I do?

Warm-up

ABILITIES

Can you play the piano very well?



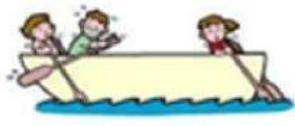
I can play football



I can swim



I can cook



We can row



I can sky



I can fish



I can play baseball



we can play
dodge ball



I can play tennis



I can fly a kite



I can play volleyball



I can dance

Conversation

Can you play the piano?

Listen and practice the conversation with your partners.

Emma: Hey, there's a cooking contest on Saturday.

Joan: Oh, I can't enter a cooking contest. I mean... What can I do?

Emma: You cook delicious meals for your family.

Joan: Thanks! But I guess I need to learn more about it.

Emma: I'm sure you can do it. Go for it!

Joan: OK, but only if you join me!

Emma: Of course. We can totally do this!

Joan: Alright. Let's start practicing tonight!





Grammar

CAN AND CAN'T

We use CAN and CAN'T to talk about someone's skill or general abilities:

She can speak several languages.

He can swim like a fish.

They can't dance very well.



We use CAN and CAN'T to talk about the ability to do something at a specific time in the present:

I can see you.

Help! I can't breathe.



“Can” for abilities and talents.

Sub + can + Verb + Complement



AFFIRMATIVE			
I	can	help	you with that.
You	can	pick up	the item at the store.
He	can	make	a payment online.
She	can	exchange	the item.
It	can	save	you time and money.
We	can	speak	English and French.
They	can	pay	their bill on the 5th.

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NEGATIVE			
I	can't	help	you with that.
You	can't	pick up	the item at the store.
He	can't	make	a payment online.
She	can't	exchange	the item.
It	can't	save	you time and money.
We	can't	speak	English and French.
They	can't	pay	their bill on the 5th.



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Can + sub + Verb + Complement?



INTERROGATIVE			
Can	I	help	you with that?
Can	You	pick up	the item at the store?
Can	He	make	a payment online?
Can	She	exchange	the item?
Can	It	save	you time and money?
Can	We	speak	English and French?
Can	They	pay	their bill on the 5th?

"Can" for abilities and talents.
Yes, + Subj. + can. **No, + Subj. + can't.**

Short answers	
Yes, I can.	No, I can't.
Yes, You can.	No, You can't.
Yes, He can.	No, He can't.
Yes, She can.	No, She can't.
Yes, It can.	No, It can't.
Yes, We can.	No, We can't.
Yes, They can.	No, They can't.



For second person singular questions, answer Yes, I can. / No, I can't.



1. Listen to three people talk about their abilities. Write J (Joshua), M (Monica), or A (Anthony) on the things they can do well.



2. Complete the sentences using the correct form of “can” or “can’t” and the verb provided

1. My dog _____ (swim) very well.
2. I _____ (not play) the guitar.
3. She _____ (speak) three languages.
4. We _____ (not go) to the party tonight.
5. They _____ (run) very fast.
6. He _____ (drive) a car yet.

Wrap-up

1. When do we use CAN and CAN’T?
2. Is it correct to use CAN NOT in negative short answers?
3. Is it correct to add an “S” to CAN or to the BASE FORM of the verb with third person singular?

