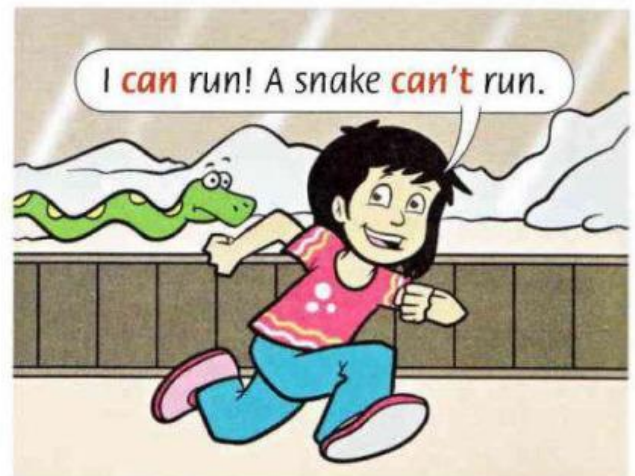


14 Abilities

Can for ability

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.



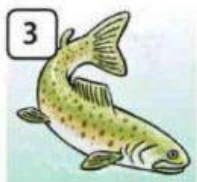
A bird can sing. T

A bird can't sing. F



A monkey can sing.

A monkey can't sing.



A fish can swim.

A fish can't swim.



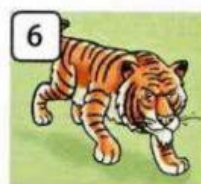
A parrot can swim.

A parrot can't swim.



A snake can run.

A snake can't run.

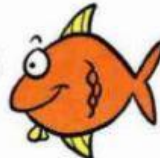


A tiger can run.

A tiger can't run.

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
_____.

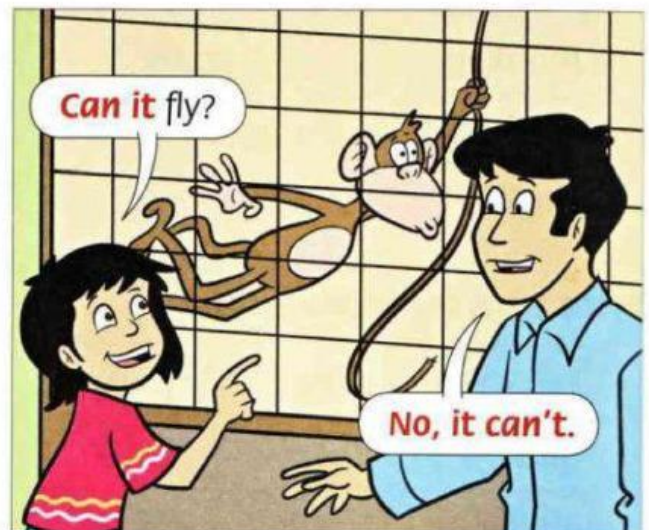
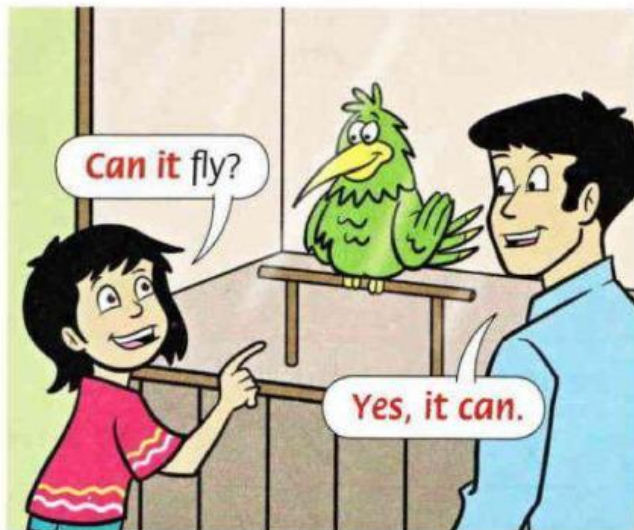
8 monkey / sing
_____.

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.

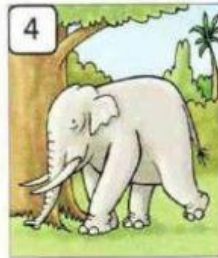
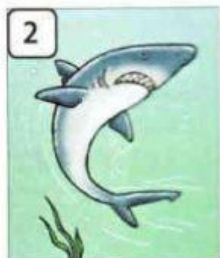
Yes, it can and **No, it can't** are short answers. We can use them if the question begins **Can it ...?**

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.



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?

_____, _____.