

# Can/ can't

## I. Select can or can't

1. William is a skilled swimmer. He **can / can't** swim very well.
2. Lilly is a polyglot. She **can / can't** speak five languages fluently.
3. They **can / can't** attend the party tomorrow because they have another meeting.
4. Rachel **can/ can't** lift that box by herself. It's too heavy.
5. I **can/ can't** come to your house on Saturday. See you then.
6. We **can / can't** see the stars on a cloudy night.
7. My little sister **can / can't** reach the top shelf.
8. The child **can / can't** tie their shoelaces yet.
9. He **can / can't** dance like a professional. He's a beginner student.
10. Where is my book? I **can / can't** find it.
11. Matthew **can/ can't** cook a perfect omelet. It's so delicious.
12. You **can / can't** park here. You are not allowed.
13. Emma has a beautiful voice. She **can / can't** sing with emotion and skill.
14. I'm busy right now but I **can / can't** help you in an hour.
15. I **can / can't** play the guitar, but I'd like to learn.

Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of *can* or *can't*.

I know how to play the piano.

I can play the piano.

- 1 It's possible for her to meet me after work.  
She .
- 2 Please open the door.  
 you ?
- 3 My boyfriend doesn't know how to ski.  
My boyfriend .
- 4 Is it OK if I use your car?  
 I ?
- 5 It's not permitted to take photos here.  
You .

### III. Complete the mini-dialogues

1.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ your brother play basketball?

B: Yes, he \_\_\_\_\_.

2.

A: Why \_\_\_\_\_ we go inside the museum?

B: Because it is closed.

3.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ I use your laptop for a moment?

B: Sure!

4.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa drive a car?

B: No, she \_\_\_\_\_. She's only fifteen.

5.

A: Why are you whispering?

B: Because the baby \_\_\_\_\_ sleep.

6.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ your friends come to the party tonight?

B: No, they \_\_\_\_\_. They are busy.

7.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ you help me carry these bags?

B: Of course, I \_\_\_\_\_.

8.

A: Why is Mark upset?

B: Because he \_\_\_\_\_ find his wallet.

9.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ we sit here?

B: No, we \_\_\_\_\_. Those seats are reserved.

10.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ your grandmother use a smartphone?

B: Yes, she \_\_\_\_\_.

### Match sentences 1–6 to a–f.

1 Can you help me with my homework? c

2 Can you give me my glasses?

3 Can you call my mum?

4 Can you speak more slowly?

5 Can you make dinner for 8.30?

6 Can you tell me your name again?

a I can't come before then.

b I can't see.

c I can't do it.

d I can't find my phone.

e I can't understand you.

f I can't remember it.

## V. Write sentences using the prompts and can / can't

*Ability (A), permission (PE), possibility (PO), request(R) and offers (O)*

1. my father / cook / Italian food
2. we / not / stay / late tonight
3. Sarah / ride / a horse
4. I / not / understand / this question
5. they / play / volleyball / very well
6. my cat / open / the door
7. I / use / your/ phone /?
8. the children / not / watch / TV now
9. my grandfather / not / walk / very fast
10. me / help / you / with my homework /?
11. students / not / use / phones / during the exam
12. you / repeat / the/ question /?
13. we / go / to the beach / tomorrow / if it is sunny
14. she / not / come / to the party / tonight
15. can / I / sit / here /?