

UNIT 5

CAN / CAN'T

positive +

I can play the guitar.

You can play the guitar.

He can play the guitar.

She can play the guitar.

It can play the guitar.

We can play the guitar.

They can play the guitar.

negative -

I can't speak Italian.

You can't speak Italian.

He can't speak Italian.

She can't speak Italian.

It can't speak Italian.

We can't speak Italian.

They can't speak Italian.

questions ?

Can I ride a horse?

Can you ride a horse?

Can he ride a horse?

Can she ride a horse?

Can it ride a horse?

Can we ride a horse?

Can they ride a horse?

short answers

Yes, you can.
No, you can't.

Yes, I can.
No, I 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.

1 Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.

0 I can't swim underwater.

1 Mario _____ speak Russian very well. ✓

2 Thomas _____ take very good photos with his phone. X

3 We _____ play the guitar. X

4 Jess and Roberta _____ paint pictures very well. ✓

5 My mother _____ sing. X

6 I _____ ride a horse. ✓

2 Write the questions and short answers.

0 he / play the piano?

No, _____

Can he play the piano?

No, he can't.

1 they / paint pictures?

Yes, _____

2 you / ride a horse?

No, _____

3 your sister / take good photos?

Yes, _____

4 Lizzy and Rita / swim underwater?

No, _____

5 you and Martha / play the guitar?

Yes, _____

6 Matthew / speak Spanish?

No, _____

3 Look at the table and answer the questions.

				
Sally	Tom	Jack	Meg	Pier
Meg	Pier	Sally	Philippe	Tom
Pier	Jack	Philippe	Tom	Sally

0 Who can sing?

Pier, Tom and Sally can sing.

1 Who can speak Italian?

2 Who can't swim underwater?

3 Who can paint a picture and ride a horse?

4 Who can't sing but can speak Italian?

5 Who can ride a horse but can't sing?

4 Write four sentences about what you can and can't do.

0 *I can paint a picture but I can't swim underwater.*

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

GRAMMAR

can / can't

- 1 Read the Grammar box. Then listen again. What can Joelle, Rosa and Paolo do? Write J (Joelle), R (Rosa), P (Paolo) or N (nobody) on each photo.

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I / You / He / She / It / We / They **can** swim.

-

I / You / He / She / It / We / They **can't (cannot)** swim.

?

What **can** you do?

Short answers

Can you swim?

Yes, I **can**.

No, I **can't**.



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2 Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.

0 Joelle can ride a horse.

1 Rosa _____ swim underwater.

2 Paolo _____ sing or ride a horse.

3 _____ Paolo paint a picture?

No, he _____.

4 _____ Paolo speak Italian?

Yes, he _____.



PRONUNCIATION

can / can't



3 Listen and repeat.

What can you do? Can you ride a horse?

No, I can't.

Can you play the guitar?

No, I can't.

Well, can you take photos?

Yes, I can. And I can speak Italian.

Oh, good!

4 Listen and choose the word you hear.

0 I can / *can't* take good photos.

1 We *can* / *can't* see the TV.

2 I *can* / *can't* remember her name.

3 My sister *can* / *can't* play the guitar.

4 *Can* / *Can't* your little brother read?

5 My mother *can* / *can't* speak Chinese.

5 Put the words in order and make questions.
Then ask and answer with your partner.

- 1 dictionary / you / Can / use / a / ?
- 2 good / you / photos / take / Can / ?
- 3 draw / Can / a / you / horse / ?
- 4 dad / Can / sing / your / ?
- 5 swim / you / 25 metres / Can / ?
- 6 Can / remember / name / your / teacher / your / ?

6 What can you do? Put a ✓ (yes) or a X (no) in the *me* column of the table in Exercise 7.

7 Ask and answer with your partner. Use *can* and *can't*. Complete the table for your partner.

Can you ...	me	my partner
play the guitar?		
ride a bike?		
cook spaghetti?		
ice skate?		
remember your friends' birthdays?		
speak Spanish?		

8 Read the sentences in the table. Then write three sentences about you and three sentences about your partner. Use *and*, *but* and *or* in your sentences.

	sing	play the guitar
I can sing <i>and</i> play the guitar.	✓	✓
I can't sing <i>or</i> play the guitar.	X	X
I can sing, <i>but</i> I can't play the guitar.	✓	X

I can take photos and paint a picture. Luigi can't speak Chinese or swim underwater.