

Can / Can't

Ability, Permission & Possibility. 4 exercises + answer key

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

can / can't + base verb (no -s, no -ed). Questions: Can + subject + base verb?

1 Exercise 1

EASY

Choose can or can't to complete the sentence.

Word bank: can / can't

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|---|---|
| 1. My little brother is only two, so he ____ read long books yet. | 5. I ____ swim very well because I go to the pool every week. |
| 3. We ____ play football in the park after school today. | 4. My grandmother ____ drive a car, so my dad takes her shopping. |
| 5. You ____ sit here if you want to be closer to the teacher. | 6. It is very dark in this room, and I ____ see the board clearly. |
| 7. Emma ____ speak English and Polish at home. | 8. We ____ be late today because the lesson starts in five minutes. |
| 9. My cat ____ open the door, but it often tries. | 10. I ____ help you with your homework after dinner. |

2 Exercise 2

MEDIUM

Write can or can't in the blank.

Word bank: can / can't

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| 1. I ____ hear you very well because the music is too loud. | 2. My baby cousin ____ talk yet, but she understands many words. |
| 3. We ____ meet after class if you are free this afternoon. | 4. I ____ answer that question because I know the rule. |
| 5. Tom ____ ride a bike, so he walks to school every day. | 6. My sister ____ cook simple meals, but she is still learning. |
| 7. Your dog ____ run very fast in the garden. | 8. I ____ find my keys, so I am still at home. |
| 9. We ____ go outside now because it is raining very hard. | 10. You ____ use my pencil if yours is at home. |

3 Exercise 3

HARD

Choose Can or Can't / can or can't to complete the question or answer.

Word bank: Can / can't

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| 1. ____ you help me with this heavy bag, please? | 2. Can your brother play the guitar? Yes, he ____. |
| 3. Can we open the window? No, you _____. It is too cold. | 4. ____ your teacher speak Spanish, or only English? |
| 5. Can your friends come tonight? No, they ____ because they are busy. | 6. ____ next to you during the lesson? |
| 7. Can this computer open large files? No, it ____. | 8. ____ your little sister count to twenty now? |
| 9. Can I borrow your ruler? Yes, you ____. | 10. ____ they finish the project today, or do they need more time? |

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Exercise 4

HARDER

Write can or can't in the blank.

Word bank: can / can't

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| 1. My father ____ fix many things at home because he is very practical. | 2. My classmates ____ understand this topic now. The teacher explained it very clearly. |
| 3. You ____ come with us after school if your parents say yes. | 4. We ____ speak quietly here because the baby is asleep. |
| 5. I ____ open the door because my hands are full of shopping bags. | 6. ____ draw animals quite well, especially cats and birds. |
| 7. Our baby ____ walk yet, but she can stand for a short time. | 8. My grandparents ____ visit us this weekend because they are on holiday. |
| 9. We ____ play outside now because it is getting dark. | 10. I ____ carry this box alone because it is too heavy for me. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: can or can't

1 can't

2 can

3 can

4 can't

5 can

6 can't

7 can

8 can't

9 can't

10 can

2 Exercise 2 Medium: write can or can't

1 can't

2 can't

3 can

4 can

5 can't

6 can

7 can

8 can't

9 can't

10 can

3 Exercise 3 Hard: questions & short answers

1 Can

2 can

3 can't

4 Can

5 can't

6 Can

7 can't

8 Can

9 can

10 Can

4 Exercise 4 Harder: complete the sentence

1 can

2 can

3 can

4 can

5 can't

6 can

7 can't

8 can't

9 can't

10 can't