

Can and Can't Exercises

Level: A1

Name: _____ Date: _____

Use can and can't

Use can to say that someone is able or allowed to do something. Use can't to say that they are not able or not allowed.

Form: Use can + the basic verb: I can swim. She can read. Do not add -s after he or she.

Negative: Cannot and can't mean the same thing: I can't drive.

Question: Put can before the person: Can you swim? Do not use do or does.

Short answer: Answer Yes, I can or No, I can't. Do not say Yes, I can swim as a short answer.

Permission: Can I open the window? asks if it is OK. You can use my pen gives permission.

Exercise 1: Choose can or can't

Choose the option that completes each sentence.

1. My sister ___ sing. She sings every day.
a) can b) can't c) is
2. A baby ___ drive a car.
a) can b) can't c) is
3. ___ I use your phone, please?
a) Can b) Do c) Does
4. Can your friends swim? Yes, they ____.
a) can b) can't c) do
5. The teacher says yes. He ___ come in now.
a) can b) can't c) is

Exercise 2: Fill the gaps

Type can or can't. Use the clue in each sentence.

6. I ___ see the board. Please move your bag.
7. Our teacher says we ___ play outside today.
8. ___ she speak English?
9. No, I ___. I don't know how to swim.
10. You ___ use my pen. Here it is.

Exercise 3: Put the words in order

Select the parts in order to make a sentence or question.

11. Put the words in the correct order: **swim?** / **you** / **Can**

12. Put the words in the correct order: **play** / **She can** / **tennis.**

13. Put the words in the correct order: **open** / **Can I** / **the window?**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **today.** / **He can't** / **come**

Exercise 4: Right or wrong?

Decide whether each English sentence is correct.

15. She can sings well. True / False

16. Can we sit here? True / False

17. Do you can swim? True / False

18. No, he can't. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose can or can't

1. a) can
2. b) can't
3. a) Can
4. a) can
5. a) can

Exercise 2: Fill the gaps

6. can't / cannot
7. can
8. Can
9. can't / cannot
10. can

Exercise 3: Put the words in order

11. Can you swim?
12. She can play tennis.
13. Can I open the window?
14. He can't come today.

Exercise 4: Right or wrong?

15. False
16. True
17. False
18. True