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#### Reading (Reading)

<p>I <b>can play</b> tennis. (I can play tennis.)</p>	<p>He <b>can drive</b> a car. (He can drive a car.)</p>
<p>You <b>can dance</b>. (You can dance.)</p>	<p>They <b>can hear</b> me. (They can hear me.)</p>
<p>She <b>can cook</b>. (She can cook.)</p>	<p>This car <b>can run</b> fast. (This car can run fast.)</p>

I **cannot ride** a horse.

(I cannot ride a horse.)

He **cannot speak** French.

(He cannot speak French.)

He **can't dance**.

(He can't dance.)

They **can't swim**.

(They can't swim.)

**Can she cook?**

(Can she cook?)

**Can this car run fast?**

(Can this car run fast?)

**Can you help me?**

(Can you help me?)

**Can I ask a question?**

(Can I ask a question?)

## Grammar Focus (Grammar Focus)

- ❖ When you want to express the ability or opportunity, to request or offer permission, and to show possibility, you use **I / We / You / They + can + (verb)**. When you use “can”, you don’t have to change the form of the verb.
- ❖ When you want to make a negative sentence with “can”, you use **I / We / You / They + cannot + (verb)**. You don’t have to change the form of the verb. You can also use “can’t” instead of “cannot”.
- ❖ When you want to ask a question using “can”, you use **Can + I / We / You / They + (verb) ?** You don’t have to change the form of the verb. Usually the last syllable of the final word in the sentence is spoken with a rising intonation.

## Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) I can help you tomorrow. (I can help you tomorrow.)
- 2) She can speak English fluently. (She can speak English fluently.)
- 3) He can wash dishes quickly. (He can wash dishes quickly.)
- 4) He can watch TV all day. (He can watch TV all day.)
- 5) Can I smoke in this room? (Can I smoke in this room?)
- 6) I cannot wait for the holidays. (I cannot wait for the holidays.)
- 7) He can't finish his assignment today.  
(He can't finish his assignment today.)
- 8) Those small motorcycles can't run on highways.  
(Those small motorcycles can't run on highways.)

## Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words in English.

- 1) I \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish. (I can teach Spanish.)
  
- 2) The girl \_\_\_\_\_ pizza. (The girl can make pizza.)
  
- 3) The car \_\_\_\_\_ fast. (The car can run fast.)
  
- 4) Mr. Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ his work very effectively.  
(Mr. Taylor can do his work very effectively.)
  
- 5) She \_\_\_\_\_ beer yet. (She can't drink beer yet.)
  
- 6) He \_\_\_\_\_ trucks. (He can't drive trucks.)
  
- 7) The teacher can teach History, but she \_\_\_\_\_ Science.  
(The teacher can teach History, but she can't teach Science.)
  
- 8) The old woman \_\_\_\_\_ computers. (The old woman can't use computers.)

## Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) I can swim. (I can swim.)
- 2) She can go anywhere with a map. (She can go anywhere with a map.)
- 3) Can you come here, please? (Can you come here, please?)
- 4) She cannot stay out after 10PM. (She cannot stay out after 10PM.)
- 5) Can she come with you? (Can she come with you?)
- 6) Can Ms. Sarah finish her work today? (Can Ms. Sarah finish her work today?)
- 7) Can you understand French? (Can you understand French?)
- 8) Can you turn on the TV? (Can you turn on the TV?)

## Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words in English.

- 1) I \_\_\_\_\_ English fluently. (I cannot speak English fluently.)
- 2) Mr. Aaron \_\_\_\_\_ spicy food. (Mr. Aaron can eat spicy food.)
- 3) Mr. Frank \_\_\_\_\_ French books. (Mr. Frank can read French books.)
- 4) I \_\_\_\_\_ Italian. (I can understand Italian.)
- 5) Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me the salt, please? (Can you pass me the salt, please?)
- 6) Can I \_\_\_\_\_ your car? (Can I drive your car?)
- 7) You \_\_\_\_\_ home now. (You can go home now.)
- 8) Can I \_\_\_\_\_ a message? (Can I take a message?)

## Sentence Changing (Sentence Changing)

Change these sentences into negative sentences using "can't" and into interrogative sentences using "Can...?"

- 1) I study Japanese every day.
- 2) He drives family cars.
- 3) She takes professional pictures.
- 4) You use new smartphones.
- 5) She speaks French.
- 6) He stays up late.



## Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences into English.

- 1) He can speak English, Chinese and Spanish.
- 2) They can clean this room in an hour.
- 3) Can you read French?
- 4) The girl can't study Mathematics alone.