

## Chapter- 13

# Can and Cannot

## STUDY NOTES

### At a glance:



### Can:

- The Helping verb **can** is used to ask for permission, express ability .
- It expresses that that doer of the action (main verb in the sentence) is capable of performing the action.
- Can is also used to make requests. The structure of such sentences is:

can + you + main verb

*Changing your Tomorrow*



### Examples:

I can run very fast.

Can you please give me a glass of water?

**Cannot:**

- Adding not after **can** tells us that the subject cannot perform the action referred to by the main verb.
- **Cannot** is written as a single word. It is written as **can't** as well.
- Examples:



- I can not dance.

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1. Identify the statements that use can to ask permission by putting a tick mark (✓) against them.

- Can I borrow your green pencil? ✓
- I can eat four mangoes in one go.
- Can you help me with my homework?
- Satish can run faster than anyone else.
- Can you breathe?

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2. Read the sentences given below. Write P against the sentences that use can to ask for permission , R against the ones that make requests, and A against those that express ability.

- a) Remon can fly a plane. **A**
- b) Can you please buy me these biscuits? **R**
- c) Dogs can be wonderful friends. **A**
- d) Can you climb a tree? **A**
- e) Can I leave an hour early today? **P**
- f) Santhoshi can paint very well. **A**

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3. Change the following sentences into negative sentences by adding not to the word can.

- a) Superman **cannot** fly.
- b) Cats **cannot** see in the dark.
- c) I **cannot** finish my English homework today.
- d) My sister **cannot** drive a car.
- e) Akshay Kumar **cannot** perform his own stunts.

4. Read the sentences given below. Write next to each sentence whether it is a request or it talks about an ability.

- a) Can you pass me the pen? **Request**
- b) Rashmi can run very fast. **Ability**
- c) Can you switch on the fan? **Request**
- d) What can you do that will help the team? **Ability**

- e) Can you open the door? **Request**
- f) Prableen can paint beautiful pictures. **Ability**
- g) Can you get me a doll from Russia? **Request**

**5. Complete the sentences given below by choosing the correct phrase from the box.**

- a) **Can** you **call** me at 11:30 a.m.?
- b) I **can do** my homework myself.
- c) Though my sister is little, she **can eat** all by herself.
- d) **Can** you **draw** a picture of the castle?
- e) Mohan **can ride** his cycle very slowly without losing his balance.

**6. Read the sentences given below. Identify the sentences that convey ability and rewrite them after adding not.**

- a) Sukanta cannot make jewellery.
- b) Yatish asked Sudhindra, Can you bring me some food?
- c) I cannot sing 'Let it Go' all by myself.
- d) Can you do me a favour?
- e) The prince cannot fight bravely with dragons.
- f) Pritha cannot write beautiful poems.

**7. Make requests using can for the following situations. One is done for you.**

- a) Dad, can you buy me a basketball?
- b) Can you give me some crayons?
- c) Can you help me in my project?

d) Mother, Can you teach me to ride a cycle?

e) Grandmother, Can you make a special dish for me?

**8. Write sentences about five things that you can do well, and five things you cannot do. Make sure to use complete sentences with the word can and cannot/can't. Read the examples given below.**

**Can**

I can ride a bicycle.

I can sing.

I can eat ice cream.

I can clean my room.

I can draw sceneries.

**Cannot**

I can't drive a car.

I can't dance.

I can't eat chilli.

I can't cook.

I can't paint.



