

Grammar reference

Unit 3

can for ability and permission

+	I/You/He/She/It/We/They	can	sing.
-	I/You/He/She/It/We/They	can't	

?	Can	I/you/she/it/we/they	sing?
+	Yes,	I/you/he/she/it/we/they	can.
-	No,	I/you/he/she/it/we/they	can't.

- We use **can** to express ability and permission.
He can play tennis. (ability)
Dad says we can't go to the party. (permission)
- Can** is the same in all forms.
I can speak Chinese.
She can speak Chinese.
- We use **infinitive** without **to** after **can**.
They can sing.
- We don't use **do/does** when we make questions with **can**.
Can you use your mobile phone at school?

1 Write affirmative (✓) and negative (x) sentences with can.

- Jamie / run fast. (✓)
Jamie can run fast.
- My granddad / use a mobile phone. (✓)
- They / skateboard. (x)
- You / stay out late tonight. (x)
- I / ski. (x)
- She / play the piano. (✓)

2 Write questions and short answers for the sentences in Exercise 1.

Can Jamie run fast? Yes, he can. / No, he can't.

3 Write sentences with can about you and your friends and family. Use the prompts to help.

- play the guitar / piano
I can play the guitar. I can't play the piano, but my uncle can.
- swim / dance / ride a bike / ride a horse
- speak French / Russian / Chinese / Spanish
- drive a car / drive a lorry / fly a plane

love, (don't) like, don't mind, hate + -ing

- We use the **-ing** form of the verb after **love**, **(don't) like** and **hate**.
She loves playing with her little sister.
I don't mind doing homework.

4 Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verbs in the box.

do walk go paint sing watch play learn

- He loves to school.
- I don't like homework.
- Karen loves DVDs.
- We like English.
- They don't like pictures.
- He doesn't mind with the baby.
- My brother hates
- They don't mind to school.

Object pronouns

subject pronoun	I	you	he	she	it	we	you	they
object pronoun	me	you	him	her	it	us	you	them

- We can use object pronouns to replace nouns that follow verbs.
I love Maths lessons. → I love them.
I don't like cooking. → I don't like it.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct object pronoun.

- Our teacher always tells us to sit down.
- It's a great film. Watch !
- She's got exams. She needs to study for
- Brad goes to Art classes. I can go with
- Katia knows the answer. I can email tomorrow.
- My best friend always tells her secrets.