

CAN (ABILITY)

1- CAN è un verbo modale. Tutti i verbi modali seguono le stesse regole:

- Hanno soltanto una forma per tutte le persone.

I **can** dance. He **can** dance. We **can** dance.

- Non vogliono la –s alla terza persona singolare HE, SHE o IT.

He can dance. **NON** ~~He cans dance.~~

- Si la forma affermativa che quella negativa sono sempre seguite da un altro verbo alla forma base.

So giocare a calcio. → I can **play** football.

Sa cantare. → He can **sing**.

Non sa sciare. → She can't **ski**.

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- Don't Doesn't non usano mai nelle frasi negative con can e gli altri modali.

He can't do Karate. **NON** ~~He doesn't can do karate.~~

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2- La forma negativa da CAN è **CAN'T** (can+not). Nell'inglese parlato e scritto informale, cannot solitamente si abbrevia a can't.

They **cannot** swim. = They **can't** swim.

3- CAN può essere usato per esprimere abilità.

So contare fino a cento in inglese.

I **can count** to 100 in English.

4- CAN può essere usato per chiedere e dare il permesso di fare qualcosa.

Posso aprire la finestra? Sì. / No.

Can I open the window? Yes, you can. / No, you can't.

Soggetto + can + forma base del verbo

Soggetto + can't + forma base del verbo

FORMA AFFERMATIVA	FORMA NEGATIVA
I can dance.	I can't dance.
You can dance.	You can't dance.
He can dance.	He can't dance.
She can dance.	She can't dance.
It can dance.	It can't dance.
We can dance.	We can't dance.
You can dance.	You can't dance.
They can dance.	They can't dance.

Interrogative and short answers

Can + soggetto + forma base del verbo ?

Yes, + Pronome Soggetto + can

No, + Pronome Soggetto + can't

Do, Don't, Does, Doesn't non usano mai nelle domande e risposte brevi con CAN.

FORMA INTERROGATIVA	RISPOSTE BREVI	
	<i>AFFIRMATIVE</i>	<i>NEGATIVE</i>
Can i dance?	Yes, you can.	No, you can't.
Can you dance?	Yes, I can.	No, I can't.
Can he dance?	Yes, he can.	No, he can't.
Can she dance?	Yes, she can.	No, she can't.
Can It dance?	Yes, It can.	No, It can't.
Can we dance?	Yes, you can.	No, you can't.
Can you dance?	Yes, we can.	No, we can't.
Can they dance?	Yes, they can.	No, they can't

Osserva la tabella e completa il brano con can + il verbo o can't + il verbo.

MATT	Football 😊 Baseball 😊 Swim 😊 Skateboard 😊 Karate 😊 Sing 😞 Dance 😞
DAVID	Football 😞 Swim 😞 guitar 😊 piano 😊 Sing 😊 Read/write music 😊

Matt and David are twins, but they are very different. Matt is a sport champion.

He **CAN PLAY** (Can / play) football and basketball. He **CAN SWIM** (can/swim) and skateboard and he **CAN DO** (can/do) karate.

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David -----CAN'T PLAY----- (can/play) football or swim. He hates sports, but he's an excellent musician. He -----CAN PLAY----- (can/play) the guitar and the piano. He -----CAN SING----- (can/sing), he -----CAN READ----- (can/read) music and he -----CAN WRITE----- (can /write) songs.

1. I ----- **CAN** ----- swim. (+/*can*)
2. You ----- **CAN'T** ----- draw. (-/*can*)
3. He ----- **CAN** ----- cook. (+/*can*)
4. She ----- **CAN'T** ----- walk. (-/*can*)
5. It ----- **CAN** ----- jump. (+/*can*)

1. We ----- **CAN'T** ----- ski. (-/*can*)

2. You ----- **CAN** ----- read. (+/*can*)

3. They ----- **CAN'T** ----- count. (-/*can*)

4. Doris ----- **CAN** ----- sail. (+/*can*)

5. Walter and Laura ----- **CAN'T** ----- sing. (-/*can*)

1- Olivia can play the guitar. → negative sentence

Olivia can't play the guitar.

2- Can the girls play hockey? → affirmative sentence

The girls can play hockey.

3- Richard can play the trumpet. → interrogative

Can Richard play trumpet?

4- Can she write with her left hand? → affirmative sentence

She can write with her left hand.

1- He can write good stories. → *negative sentence*

He can't write good stories.

2- Alex can write exciting articles. → *interrogative*

Can Alex write exciting articles?

3- Henry can cook spaghetti. → *interrogative*

Can Henry cook spaghetti?

4- They can cook well. → *negative sentence* They can't cook well.

- 1.Can she fly a kite? → Yes, **she can.**
- 2.Can they write these words? → Yes, **they can.**
- 3.Can he sing? → No, **he can't.**
- 4.Can I open the window, please? Yes, **you can.**
- 5.Can Sara speak French? → Yes, **she can.**

1.Can we meet our friends? → Yes, **you can.**

2.Can he ride a snowboard? → No, **he can't.**

3.Can the girls swim? → Yes, **they can.**

4.Can you help me? → Yes, **I can.**

5.Can the frog sing? → No, **It can't.**