



Tema 9 . Can, Can't + verb, Abilities

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Verbs:

- ✓ cook
- ✓ dance (salsa)
- ✓ draw
- ✓ drive (a car)
- ✓ fix (a car)
- ✓ paint
- ✓ play (a sport) soccer
- ✓ play (an instrument) the guitar, the piano
- ✓ program a computer

- ✓ ride (a bicycle / a motorcycle)
- ✓ ride (a horse / a camel) (any other suitable animal)
- ✓ run fast
- ✓ sing
- ✓ speak (a language)
- ✓ swim
- ✓ use a computer
- ✓ write



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Affirmative:

- I **can speak** English very well.
(can + verb)

Negative:

I **can't/cannot ride** a bicycle at all.

Interrogative (short answers)

A: Can you drive a car?

B: Yes, I can./No, I can't/cannot.



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but, and

A: What can you do?

B: I can ride a bicycle, **but** I can't/cannot drive a car.
affirmative, **but** negative

B: I can use a computer **and** I can play the guitar.
affirmative **and** affirmative

- ✓ Puedes usar **cannot** para enfatizar o hacer clara la diferencia entre afirmativo y negativo en forma oral.
- ✓ Puedes usar **can't** or **cannot**.



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A: Can your father sing in English?

B: No, he can't/cannot sing in English **at all**.

A: Can your mother cook "mole poblano"?

B: Yes, she can cook it **very well**.

✓ Usa **can** para todas las personas: I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they en forma afirmativa.

✓ Usa las expresiones **at all** para la forma negativa y **very well** para la afirmativa.



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- Complete the conversation. Use can or can't and the verb in brackets.

A: Hi, Mary, ___ you ___ a motorcycle? (ride)

B: No, I ____, but I _____ a car. (drive)

A: Ok, ___ you ___ a computer? (use)

B: Yes, I ___ and I ___ _____ the piano very well. (play)

A: Oh, you are very talented.

B: Thanks, Mary.



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ANSWERS TO THE EXERCISE

- Complete the conversation. Use can or can't and the verb in brackets.

A: Hi, Mary, can you use a motorcycle? (ride)

B: Hi, Richard. No, I can't, but I can drive a car. (drive)

A: Ok, can you use a computer? (use)

B: Yes, I can and I can play the piano very well. (play)

A: Oh, you are very talented.

B: Thanks, Mary.



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- Si necesitas hacer ejercicios del tema, haz click en los siguientes links:
- [https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en/English_as_a_Second_Language_\(ESL\)/Can_or_can't/Modal_Verb_Can_Can't_lc1266599en](https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en/English_as_a_Second_Language_(ESL)/Can_or_can't/Modal_Verb_Can_Can't_lc1266599en)
- [https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en/English_as_a_Second_Language_\(ESL\)/Can_or_can't/Order_the_sentences_with_structure_Can-can't_mf2587120kg](https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en/English_as_a_Second_Language_(ESL)/Can_or_can't/Order_the_sentences_with_structure_Can-can't_mf2587120kg)



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