



TO USE THE  
MODAL VERB  
CAN



## Modal Verb Can

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What is a modal verb?

Why is it different to a normal verb?

# Modal Verb Can

1. Same for all subjects
2. Only exist in one tense
3. Requires another verb

# Modal Verb Can

I	can	work
You	can	work
He/She/It	can	work
We	can	work
They	can	work

# Modal Verb Can

I	can not	work
You	can not	work
He/She/It	can not	work
We	can not	work
They	can not	work

# Modal Verb Can

I	can't	work
You	can't	work
He/She/It	can't	work
We	can't	work
They	can't	work

# Modal Verb Can

Can I work?

Can you work?

Can he/she/it work?

Can we work?

Can they work?



# Modal Verb Can

Yes	I	can
Yes	you	can
Yes	he/she/it	can
Yes	we	can
Yes	they	can

# Modal Verb Can

No	I	can't
No	you	can't
No	he/she/it	can't
No	we	can't
No	they	can't

# Modal Verb Can

1. To have an ability to do something

*I can dance*

*You can speak English*

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2. To ask for/ give permission

*Can I visit my friend?*

*Yes, you can visit your friend*

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3. To talk about the possibility of something

*I can't learn English! It's difficult!*  
*You can learn English*

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## 4. To offer/ask for help

*Can I help you?*

*Can you open the door for me?*

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Can

/kæn/

Can

/kən/

# Modal Verb Can

Can

/kæn/

Can you speak English?

Yes, I can



# Modal Verb Can

Can

/kæn/

I can speak English.

# Modal Verb Can

Can

/kæn/

Only verb  
Emphasis

Can

/kən/

# Modal Verb Can

Can  
/kən/

Can you speak English?  
Yes, I can speak English

# Modal Verb Can

Can't

/kɑːnt/

# Modal Verb Can

Car      n't  
/kɑː      nt/



# Modal Verb Can

Can't

/kɑːnt/

I can't speak Italian

I can't dance

# Review



# Modal Verb Can

- 1) I can play the piano
- 2) He can't sing
- 3) A: Can you write in English?  
B: Yes, I can  
C: No, I can't (car)





# Practice 1

Correct the sentences!

# Modal Verb Can

- 1) He can sing very well
- 2) Can she open the can for me?
- 3) We can watch the film
- 4) They can't explain the mistakes
- 5) I can see you over there!
- 6) You cannot not complete the task
- 7) Where can we collect the prize?

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He cans sing very well

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He cans sing very well 

He can **sing** very well 

# Modal Verb Can

Can she opens the tin for me?

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Can she opens the tin for me? 

Can she open the tin for me? 

# Modal Verb Can

We can to watch the film

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We can to watch the film



We can watch the film





# Modal Verb Can

They can't to explain the mistake

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They can't to explain the mistake 

They can't explain the mistake 

# Modal Verb Can

I c'n see you over there!

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I c'n see you over there! 

I can see you over there! 

# Modal Verb Can

You cannot not complete the task

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You cannot not complete the task



You cannot complete the task



# Modal Verb Can

Where cans we collect the prize?

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Where cans we collect the prize? ❌

Where can we collect the prize? ✅





# Practice 2

Pronunciation Practice!



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- 1) We can watch TV later
- 2) Can we clean the whiteboard?
  - a) Yes, you can
- 3) Can you drive a car?
  - a) No, I can't
- 4) She can't go to the park
- 5) Can he watch the children for a moment?
  - a) Yes, he can
- 6) They can take a photo
- 7) We can't go on holiday this year
- 8) They can't record the audio
- 9) I can see the stars from here

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- 1) Can she open the curtains?
  - a) No, she can't
- 2) Where can we park the car?
  - a) We can park the car here!
- 3) You can't wait any longer
- 4) Can you cook dinner?
  - a) Yes, I can
- 5) Can you put the lemons in the fridge?
  - a) No, I can't
- 6) They can listen to music



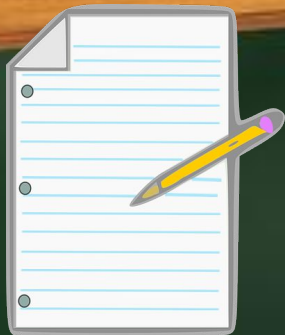
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# HOMEWORK

## COMPLETE THE QUIZ

Link:

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