

CAN : Expressing ability and possibility

The **auxiliary modal CAN** is used to express what is **possible** or **impossible** to **do**.

This **auxiliary** does not change its **form**. It is always the **same**.

Structure: **Subject (We)** **Auxiliary (can)** **Verb stem (eat)**.

1. Affirmative form

I	}	CAN	}	sing.
YOU				
HE/SHE/IT				
WE/YOU/THEY				

2. Negative form

Short form: **Can't**

Example: I **can't** play.

Full form: **Cannot**

Example: I **cannot** write.

3. Interrogative form

a. Yes/No questions

Can you play? Yes, I **can**./ No, I **can't**.

b. WH-questions

What can you do?

I can dance.