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ENGLISH REFERENCE SHEET

BEGINNERS · BG51 · ENTRY 1

can and can’t

Say what you can and can’t do, and ask: Can you …?

Supports Adult ESOL and Functional Skills English · Entry 1

In this sheet you will

- say: I can swim. I can’t drive.
- ask and answer: Can you cook? Yes, I can. No, I can’t.
- read a job advert and say what you can do

Next sheet: BG52 there is and there are

About this series

Free, practical English worksheets for adult learners, in class or at home. Practise speaking, listening, reading and writing through everyday situations.

Our philosophy

We help you understand, practise and grow in confidence.

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LEARN I can … I can't …

 drive	 ride a bike	 swim
 cook	 paint	 sew

I **can** swim. He **can't** drive. She **can** sew.
Can you cook? Yes, I can. / No, I can't.

LISTEN Listen to Omar. Tick can or can't.

Teacher: *the script is in the teacher area. Audio: Quick Fix Listening, BG51.*

	can	can't
1. drive	☐	☐
2. swim	☐	☐
3. cook	☐	☐
4. speak Arabic	☐	☐

SAY IT Listen and repeat. Then practise with a partner.

Ana **Can you** ride a bike, Joseph?

Joseph Yes, **I can**. I ride my bike at the weekend.

Ana **Can you** drive?

Joseph No, **I can't**. What about you?

Ana I can drive, but I can't swim!

Sound focus: I can **SWIM**: can is short before the action word. Yes, I **CAN**: clear and strong. I **CAN'T** drive.

Your turn. Ask your partner about the activities on page 2 and other things. Answer in full sentences. Change roles. **Can you …? Yes, I can. / No, I can't.**

READ Read on your own first. Then answer.

Job advert: Kitchen assistant

Park Café needs a kitchen assistant.

Can you cook? Can you work at the weekend?

You need to speak some English.

You don't need to drive. We are next to the bus station.

Call Tom on 0161 496 0555.

1. This text is ☐ a job advert ☐ a menu ☐ a letter

2. Who do you call? You call _____.

3. True or false? Tick.

	True	False
a) You need to drive for this job.	☐	☐
b) The job is at the weekend too.	☐	☐
c) The café is next to the bus station.	☐	☐

PRACTISE 1. Look at the table. Write can or can't.

	swim	drive	cook
Faisal	yes	yes	no
Li Na	no	yes	yes

a) Faisal _____ swim.
b) Faisal _____ cook.
c) Li Na _____ swim.
d) Li Na _____ drive.

2. Write the question. Then write your answer.

Example: *you / swim* → **Can you swim? Yes, I can.**

a) you / cook → _____
b) you / ride a bike → _____

USE IT Write three things you can do and one thing you can't do. Then tell your partner.

You can also write: I can't do it yet. Made-up details are fine.

I can _____.
I can _____.
I can _____.
I can't _____.

I CAN Tick Yes or Not yet.

I can say what I can and can't do.	Yes	Not yet
I can ask: Can you …?	Yes	Not yet
I can read a job advert.	Yes	Not yet