

15 My Talented Pet

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Grammar Notes

Modal Verb: can



We use the modal verb **'can'** to talk about things people or animals are able to do. We can form yes-no questions with **'can'** and answer these questions in the following ways:

It is a parrot.

They are hamsters.

Can it talk?
Can they fly?

Yes, it can.

No, they cannot.

Grammar Tip

'Cannot' is one word.

Warm-up

A Ellie is asking Jasper about the pets. Look at the pictures and circle the correct answers.



Ellie : ① Can it / Can they jump?

Jasper : Yes, ② it can / they can .



Ellie : ③ Can it / Can they sing?

Jasper : No, ④ it cannot / it can .



Ellie : ⑤ Can it / Can they talk?

Jasper : ⑥ Yes, it can / No, it cannot .



Grammar Notes

Modal Verb: can

We can form wh-questions with the question word 'What' and the modal verb '**can**' to ask about what people or animals are able to do.

What **can** a fish do?
What **can** dogs do?

It **can** swim.
They **can** bark.



Common Errors

✓ What can a cat **do**?

✗ What can a cat **does**?

1. What can a rabbit **do / does** ?

2. What can tortoises **do / does** ?



Grammar Tip

We always use the base form of the verb after 'can'.

Warm-up



Jasper is asking Lucas some questions. Look at the pictures. Fill in the blanks with 'What can', 'It can' or 'They can'. Then draw lines to match the correct answers to the questions.



1. _____
a bird do?

2. _____
a cat do?

3. _____
dogs do?

4. _____
run.

5. _____
fly.

6. _____
jump.



Practice

G Jasper and Lucas are reading about pets. Look at the pictures and complete the cards with the help of the given words.

What

can cannot

it they

climb fly run
swim talk

① _____ a hamster do?

It can ② _____.

③ _____ up and down too.

④ _____ ?

No, ⑤ _____. It is afraid of water.



⑥ _____ parrots do?

They can ⑦ _____.

⑧ _____ in the sky too.

⑨ _____ ?

No, ⑩ _____.

Hint: Q9

What can't parrots do?

Proofreading

D There is one mistake in each question. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-5.

1. Can guinea pigs run? Yes, it can.

2. A goldfish can swim. It can talk.

3. What can a ladybird does? It can fly.

4. These are my puppies. It can bark and run.

5. What can frogs do? They can jumps.

Hint: Q2

Can a goldfish talk?

1. _____

② _____

③ _____

4. _____

5. _____

Grammar in Context

Text Type:
Conversation

E Jasper and Lucas are talking about their friends' pets. Look at the pictures and complete their conversation with the help of the given words.

can cannot

What

it they

run sing swim talk

Eric's parrot



Victor's tortoises



Lily's kittens




Dan's dog




 : Look at Eric's parrot! It is colourful. ① _____ a parrot do?


 : It ② _____. Eric's parrot can say hello to you.

 : Really? It is so smart. Oh! These are Victor's tortoises.

③ _____ jump?

 : No, ④ _____. They can only crawl slowly on the ground.

 : These are Lily's kittens. ⑤ _____?

 : ⑥ _____. Only some kinds of birds can sing.

 : I see. This is Dan's dog. ⑦ _____ a dog do?

 : It ⑧ _____. Dan says it loves going to the beach.

 : ⑨ _____?

 : ⑩ _____. It is a fast runner.

 Hint: Q5 & 9

Look at Jasper's answers. Form yes-no questions.