



Can and Can't. Grammar Lesson.

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Introduction.

Welcome to a 'TEFL Drop' lesson pdf. At the TEFL Drop we believe in engaging, interactive and realistic ESL lessons. This pdf contains all you need for a 90-minute ESL Lesson. Each pdf contains a range of presentation slides and activity handouts to be printed, cut up and used in your class. TEFL Drop materials are all about being creative, we want you to adapt them for your own activities, there is no wrong way of using our materials, it is simply up to you. Have fun!

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Can and Can't. Warmer.

Collocations with 'can'
You have three minutes.

I can play guitar
I can speak English
I can cook Italian food



Can and Can't. Dialogue.

Hey Simon, can you speak French?

No, I can't. You?

Yes, I can. I'm going to France next week.

Oh cool. How well can you speak it?

I can speak it quite well. I've studied for years.

I'm jealous! What other languages can you speak?

Only English and French. You?

I can speak English and Arabic.

Arabic? Oh wow that's amazing.

Haha thanks. Can you play any instruments?

I can play bass guitar. You?

Oh I love bass guitar. Are you good?

Yeah I can play really well.

What songs can you play?

Mostly rock stuff.



Can and Can't.

Structure.

Open Questions.

What	food languages sports	can can't	you she	cook? speak? play?
How well	can	you he they	play guitar? speak Arabic? ride a bike?	

Positive / Negative Sentences.

I She They	can can't	play guitar cook Italian food speak Arabic	quite well. really well. badly.
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Closed Questions.

Closed Question Answers.

Can Can't	you she they	ride a bike? drive a car? dance the tango?	Yes,	I she they	can.
			No,		can't.

Can and Can't.

Function.

'Can' is commonly used to state abilities:

I can swim.

She can't speak German.

Can you play guitar?

We can use adverbial phrases to state how well we can do it

I can swim really well.

He can't play guitar very well.

They can play football quite well.

Remember the verb doesn't change like many tenses:

~~He can speaks French.~~

He can speak French.

~~She cans speak German.~~

She can speak German.

Use 'can't' not 'can not', it sounds more natural:

~~He can not speak German~~

He can't speak German.

~~She can not play piano.—~~

She can't play piano.

Can and Can't.

Grammar.

Unscramble the sentences.

01. I / food / cook / Italian / well. / really

02. He / play / can't / tennis / well.

03. she / Can / speak / fluently? / Arabic

04. speak? / Which / you / can / languages

05. What / can / food / well? / you / cook

06. Can / run / 5k / you / quickly?

07. can't / I / do / homework. / the

08. They / very / well. / can't / dance



Answer the questions.

01. Which languages can you speak?

02. Can you play guitar?

03. How well can you speak English?

04. What sports can you play?

05. Can you speak French?

06. How well can you cook Italian food?

07. What food can you cook well?

08. Can you run 5k?

Can and Can't. Reading.

What can you do?

Sarah is a 35-year-old artist from England. She lives in London. Sarah is really good at painting and can make beautiful pictures that show feelings. But she can't play any musical instruments. However, she can sing beautifully and often mesmerizes her friends with her melodious voice.

Mark is a 42-year-old engineer from the United States. He lives in New York City. Mark is very clever and can think of new and useful things to make. He can invent cool gadgets that make life easier. However, Mark can't swim because he is scared of water. Nevertheless, he can ride a skateboard like a pro and effortlessly perform tricks at the skatepark.

Lily is a 28-year-old chef from Italy. She lives in Rome. Lily has an amazing sense of taste and can tell the difference between different flavors. She can make delicious dishes by mixing ingredients in a special way. But she can't dance, even though she loves music. Nonetheless, she can create beautiful sculptures using clay and is often praised for her artistic talent.

David is a 19-year-old student from Japan. He lives in Tokyo. David is an excellent mathematician and can solve difficult problems with numbers. He can understand complex equations and find the right answers. However, David can't speak French, even though he wants to learn. Nonetheless, he can speak fluent Mandarin, having studied it for several years and developed a strong command of the language.

Comprehension Questions.

01. Where did John go for his last vacation?

02. How long did Maria stay in New York City?

03. How did David and his girlfriend travel to Paris?

04. Which famous painting did David see at the Louvre Museum?

05. Who did John go on vacation with?

06. How did John and his family see the city from a high point in London?

07. What did Maria and her friends do in Central Park?

08. Who did David go on vacation with?

Can and Can't. Speaking.

You are Sam. You can play the guitar really well, fix bikes and cars and use Microsoft PowerPoint with ease. You also have experience in writing business plans and public speaking. You need help with designing a website, cleaning your house, and translating a document from French into English.

Find people in your class to help you

You are Emma. You can paint beautiful landscapes, speak fluent French. You are good with social media and video editing. You need help with fixing your car, learning how to use social media effectively, and improving your pronunciation in English.

Find people in your class to help you

You are Max. You can play the piano really well, speak English and Spanish, and can design websites. You can also dance the salsa. You need help with writing a business plan, improving your public speaking skills, and translating a document from German.

Find people in your class to help you

You are Mia. You can sing really well and speak German. You have a cleaning business and can use all Adobe software with graphic design. You need help with learning how to dance salsa, fixing your bicycle, and editing a video for your YouTube channel.

Find people in your class to help you

Can and Can't.

Find Someone Who.

Can you... ? Yes, I can. No, I can't.

How well can you... ? I can really well / quite well / not too well

cook Italian food

play guitar

make pizza

speaking French

make bread

drive a car

speaking English

rollerskate

ride a bicycle

play football

ride a motorbike

swim

design websites

play badminton

sew clothes

ride a horse

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Can and Can't.

Wordcards.

cook Arabic food	play guitar	make coffee	speak French
fix a bike	drive a car	speak English	cook Italian food
dance	ride a horse	read sheet music	swim
play piano	fix a car	sew clothes	speak German
use Photoshop	play drums	speak French	use Excel

Can and Can't.

Survey.

Find out how many people in the class
can play a musical instrument

Find out how many people in the class
can cook Italian food

Find out how many people in the class
can drive a car

Find out how many people in the class
can swim

Find out how many people in the class
can use Adobe Photoshop well

Find out how many people in the class
can dance

Find out how many people in the class
can fix a car

Find out how many people in the class
can use Microsoft Excel well

Find out how many people in the class
can speak more than two languages

Find out how many people in the class
can cook Indian food well

Can and Can't. Answer Key.

Page 07. Grammar Unscramble.

- 01. I can really cook Italian food well.
- 02. He can't play tennis well.
- 03. Can she speak Arabic fluently?
- 04. Which languages can you speak?
- 05. What food can you cook well?
- 06. Can you run 5k quickly?
- 07. I can't do the homework.
- 08. They can't dance very well.

Page 08. Reading Comprehension Questions.

- 01. Sarah can paint beautiful pictures that show feelings, and she can sing beautifully.
- 02. Mark can't swim because he is scared of water.
- 03. No, Lily can't dance well.
- 04. David can speak fluent Mandarin.
- 05. David can solve difficult math problems and understand complex equations well.
- 06. Yes, Lily can cook well because she has an amazing sense of taste and can combine ingredients in a special way.
- 07. Sarah can't play any musical instruments.
- 08. No, David can't speak French.

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