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# CAN / COULD

ABILITIES

PERMISSION

# CAN

■ Match the picture with the verb

1. **RIDE A BIKE**

2. **DANCE**

3. **SKATE**

4. **PLAY basketball**

5. **SING**

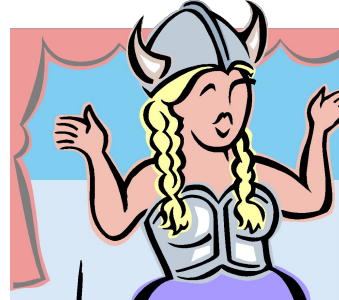
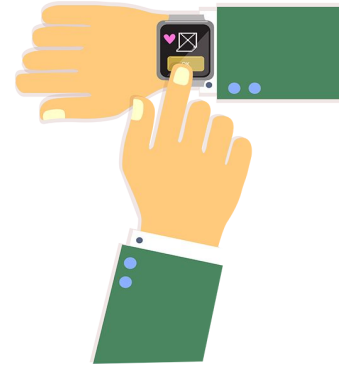
6. **PLAY THE GUITAR**

7. **SKI**

8. **Scuba dive**

9. **fish**

10. **USE A smart watch**



CAN



**Scuba  
dive**



**Play basketball**



**fish**



**skate**



**sing**



**ski**



**Use a smart  
watch**



**Play the guitar**



**RIDE A  
BIKE**



**dance**

## CAN: AFFIRMATIVE / NEGATIVE

- My sister can ski



We can play basketball



can + not = can't

can + not = cannot

I can't cook



## CAN: INTERROGATIVE



He **Can** play the guitar ?



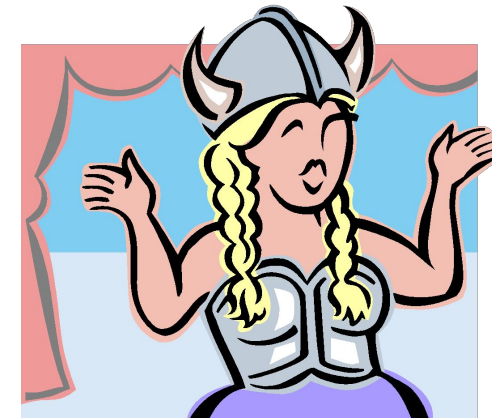
Yes, he **can**.

No, he **can't**.

You **can** sing opera ?

Yes, I **can**.

No, I **can't**.



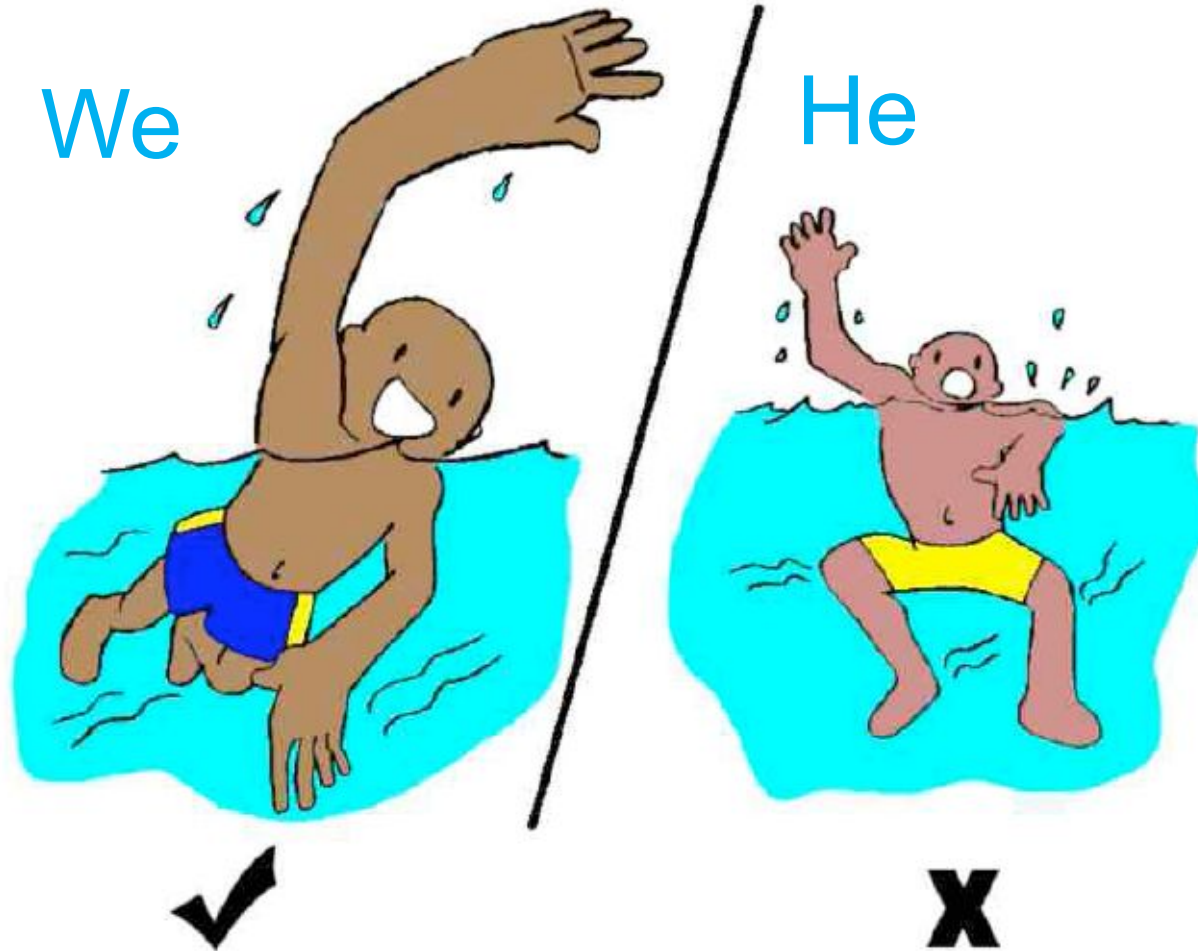
Yes, they **can**.

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they **can** ride a bicycle ?

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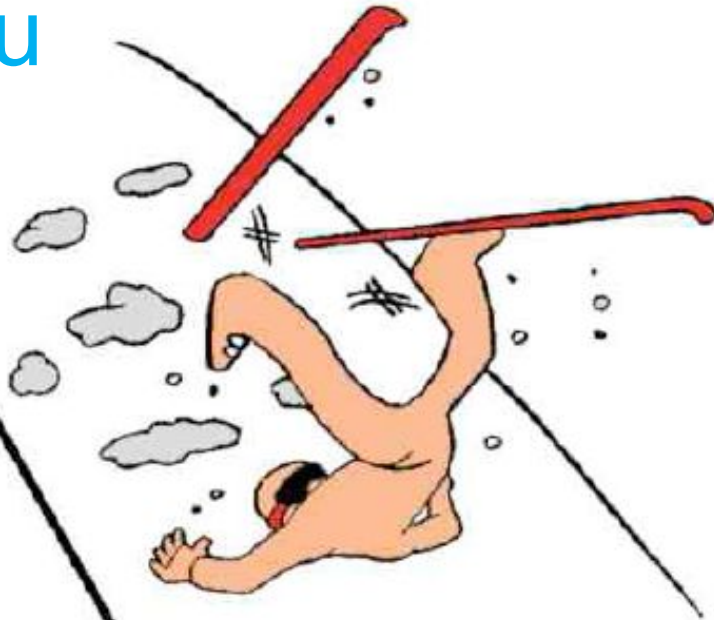
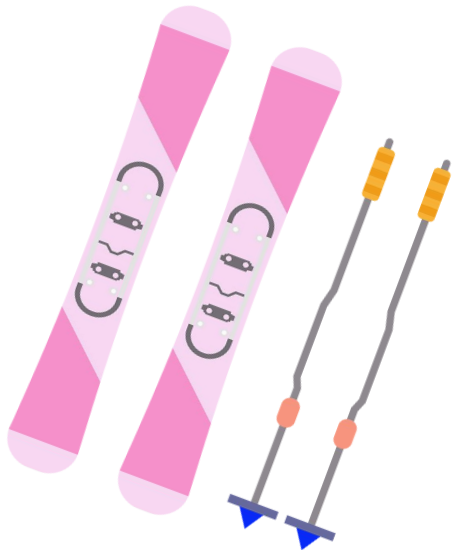
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He

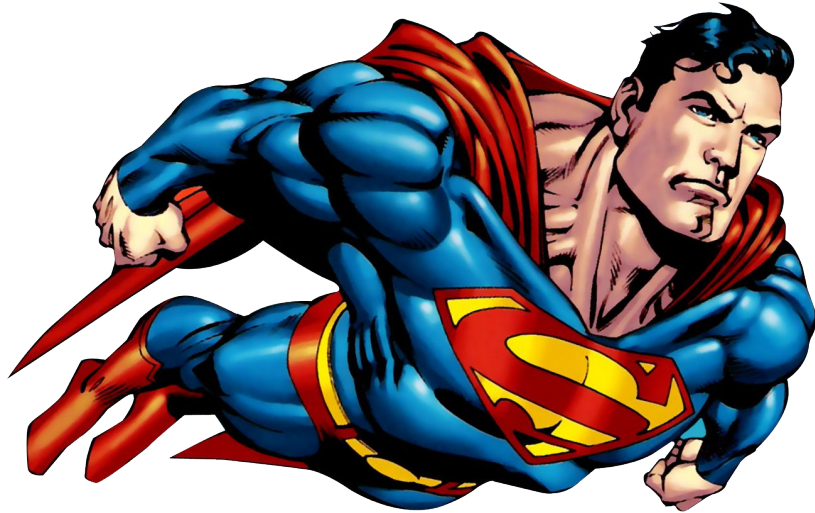
You





## CAN: EXERCISES

- Use the characters to make sentences
  - Example:



Superman can fly but he can't resist kryptonite.

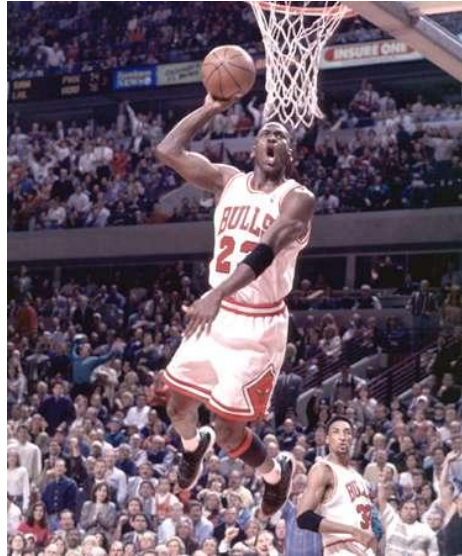
# WHAT CAN / CAN'T THEY DO?



Lionel Messi



Sponge Bob



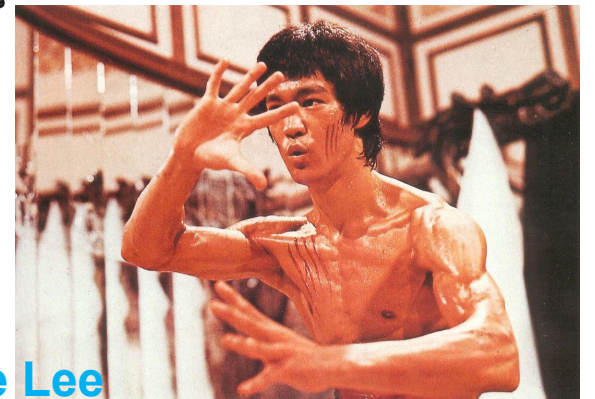
Michael Jordan



Donald Trump



Halo Master Chief



Bruce Lee

## Use of *can*

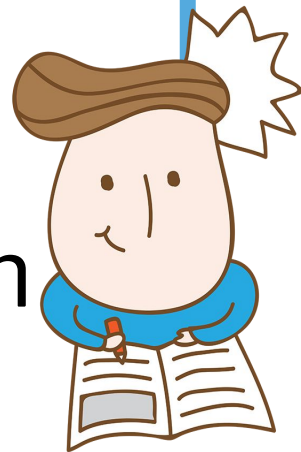
*can* for present possibility  
or ability

My sister **can** take me  
to school.



We **can**  
play  
basketball

He **can** speak English



## Use of *could*

*could* for past possibility  
or ability

My sister **could** take me  
to school.



We **could**  
play  
basketball

He **couldn't** speak  
English



## COULD: INTERROGATIVE



He **Could** play the guitar ?



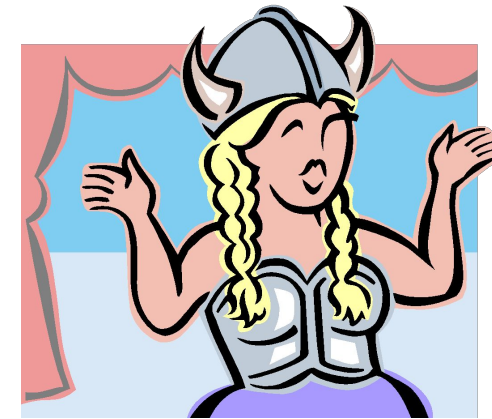
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Yes, they **could**.

No, they **couldn't**.

they **could** ride a bike ?



REQUEST

Can you open the window?



PERMISSION

Can I open the window?

Could you give me some information?



Could I go to the party with my friends?



more formal

# CAN AND CAN'T

1 Match the sentences 1-3 to the situations a-c

1. You can download music from the internet.
2. He can speak five languages.
3. I'm sorry, you can't park your car here.

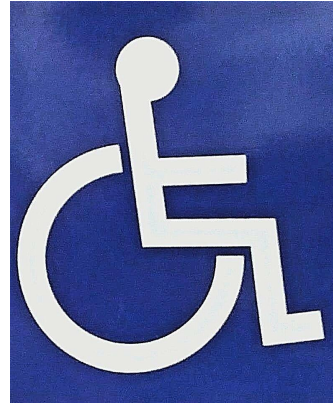
- a. permission
- b. possibility
- c. ability



# CAN AND CAN'T

2 Make sentences using *you can* or *you can't*.

- a. park in handicap spaces.
- b. send personal e-mails at work.
- c. use internet to book a flight.
- d. learn a language without studying.
- e. work 18 hours a day.
- f. say what you think to your boss.
- g. wear jeans at work.
- h. play computer games at work.
- i. make photocopies of a book.
- j. kiss your elbow.



# CAN AND CAN'T

Are these sentences correct?

She can to dance salsa

We don't can scuba dive

Carlos cans use a Smart watch

Marta no can sing

They can ride a bike?

Sonia doesn't can play chess

Can Peter to play the guitar?

I can't to play the piano

She can dance salsa

We can't scuba dive

Carlos can use a Smart

~~Marta~~ can't sing

Can they ride a bike?

Sonia can't play chess

Can Peter play the guitar?

I can't play the piano

Damian can take pictures.