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# CAN Y CAN NOT,

## CAN

The verb can is a modal verb that we use to talk about something and someone has the ability to do something, for example:

She can sing.  
He can run very fast.

. We also use it as the past tense of the verb can, when we want to refer to a skill that we had or that someone else had. For example:

When I was young, I could sleep all night long.  
When I was young, I could sleep through the night.

On the other hand, we use could to express that something is possible or the probability that something will happen.

It could be nice.  
It could be nice.  
You could travel.

## CAN NOT

The negative of can is cannot, whose shortened version is can't.

The basic structure of the phrase with can't is:

Subject (pronoun or noun) + can't + verb + complement.

. Examples:

She can't stay up all night.  
(She can't stay up all night.)

Michael can't drive very well.  
(Michael can't drive very well.)

You can't do this task in one hour.  
(You cannot do this task in an hour.)

She can't walk. (She can not walk.)

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