Can and can't

A bird **can** fly. I **can't** fly.

I **can** run! A snake **can't** run.

Can means that you are able to do something. It always comes before another verb.

*A bird **can** fly. It **can** fly.*
*Alison **can** run. She **can** run.*

Can't means that you are not able to do something.
*A snake **can't** run. It **can't** run.*
*Jamie **can't** fly. He **can't** fly.*
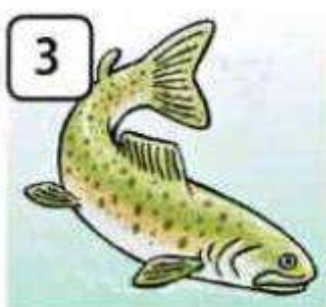
can't = cannot

1 True or false? Write T or F.

1.
   A bird can sing. _T_
   A bird can't sing. _F_

2.
   A monkey can sing. ___
   A monkey can't sing. ___

3.
   A fish can swim. ___
   A fish can't swim. ___

4.
   A parrot can swim. ___
   A parrot can't swim. ___

5.
   A snake can run. ___
   A snake can't run. ___
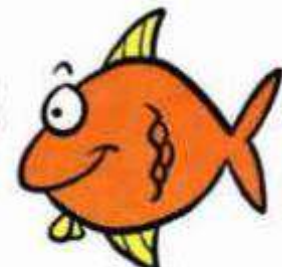
6.
   A tiger can run. ___
   A tiger can't run. ___

2 **Write the words in the correct order.**

1 zebra A can't fly

A zebra can't fly .

2 A walk. can't fish

_____ .

3 monkey A can run

_____ .

4 parrot A swim can't

_____ .

5 A talk can't cat

_____ .

6 can play Alison

_____ .

3 **Write can or can't.**

1 Jamie _can_ write.

A monkey _____ write.

2 Jamie _____ swim.

A fish _____ swim.

3 Jamie _____ run.

A snake _____ run.

4 A bird _____ fly.

Jamie _____ fly.
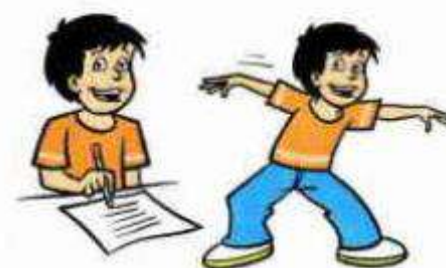
4 **Write true sentences.**

	sing	run	climb	fly
bird	✓	✗	✗	✓
monkey	✗	✓	✓	✗

1 bird / sing

A bird can sing .

2 monkey / fly

A monkey can't fly .

3 bird / run

_____ .

4 monkey / climb

_____ .

5 bird / fly

_____ .

6 monkey / run

_____ .

7 bird / climb

_____ .

8 monkey / sing

_____ .

5 Tick (✓) and write about you.

	I can	I can't
talk	✓	
run		
fly		
walk		
sing		
swim		

1 I can talk.

2 _____ .

3 _____ .

4 _____ .

5 _____ .

6 _____ .

Can it ...? Yes, it can. No, it can't.

Can it fly?

Yes, it can.

Can it fly?
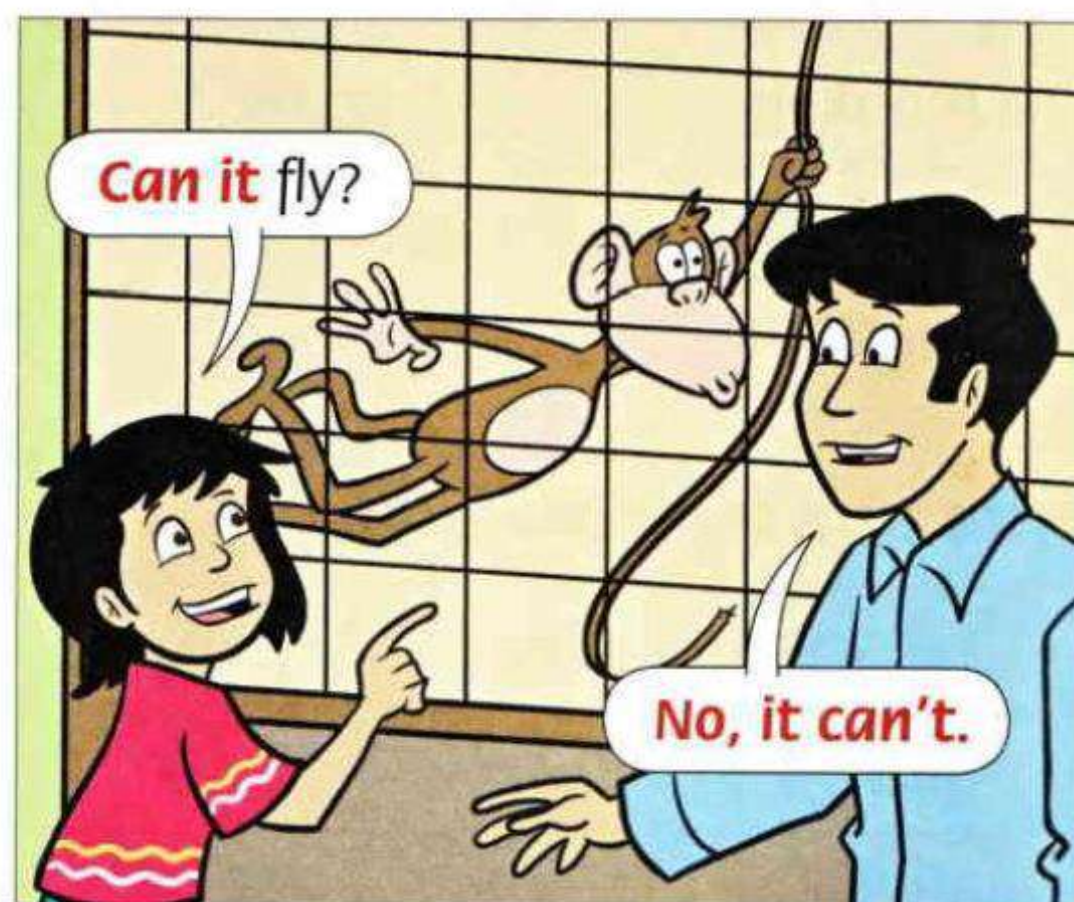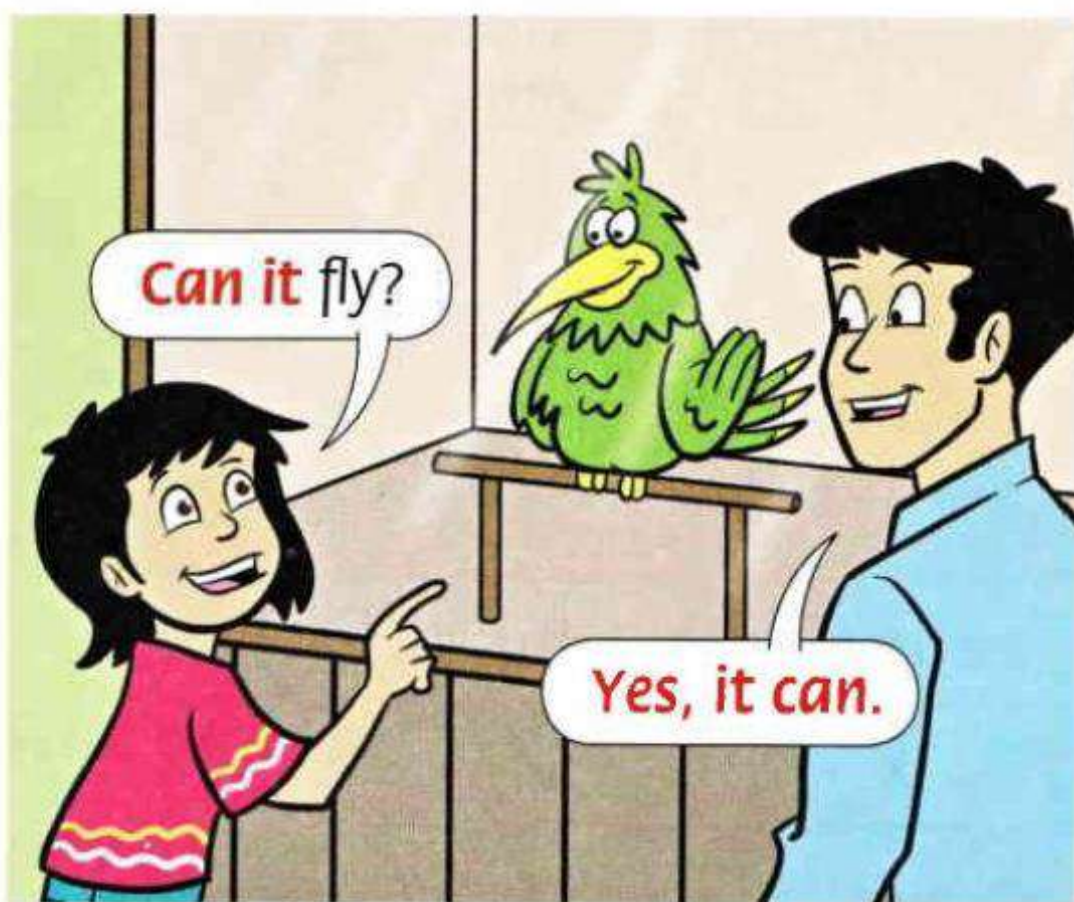
No, it can't.

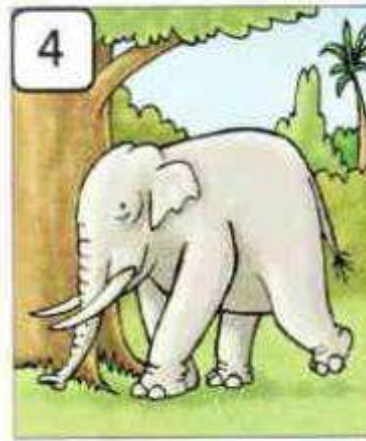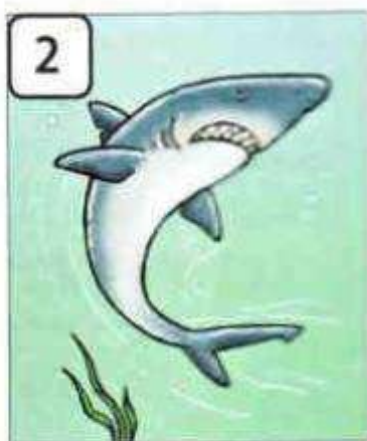**Can it ...?** is a yes/no question. We use it to find out what animals and things are able to do.
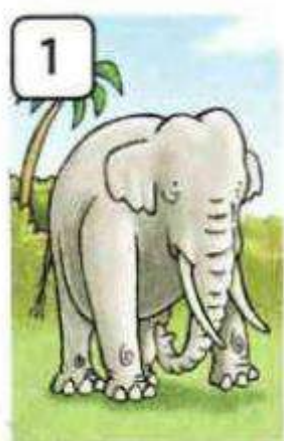
Yes, it can and **No, it can't** are short answers. We can use them if the question begins **Can it ...?**

Can it run? ✓ **Yes, it can.** ✗ **No, it can't.**

We use **can he** or **can she** to find out what people are able to do.

6 Match.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Can it fly? Can it swim? Can it climb? Can it climb? Can it run? Can it run?

No, it can't.   Yes, it can.

7 Look and write.

Can he   Can she   Can it   Yes, he can   Yes, he can
Yes, it can   No, she can't   No, she can't   No, it can't

1 Can he run?

Yes , _he can_ .

2 Can she swim?

_____ , _____ .

3 Can it run?

_____ , _____ .

4 _____ talk?

_____ , _____ .

5 _____ fly?

_____ , _____ .

6 _____ climb?

_____ , _____ .