ENGLISH A1 · UNIT 10 · GRAMMAR Name: _____ Date: _____

Can / can't for ability

Focus: can / can't (ability): all forms and short answers; (very) well, a bit, not at all

GRAMMAR: CAN / CAN'T (ABILITY)

can + verb, the same for all persons: I can swim. She can play the piano **very well**.
can't (= cannot): We can't sing. He can't cook **at all**. They can dance **a bit**.
Questions: **Can** you drive? Short answers: Yes, I **can**. / No, I **can't**.

1 Complete the table.

Affirmative (+)	Negative (-)	Question (?)
He can swim.	He can't swim.	Can he swim?
You can cook.	You _____ cook.	_____ you cook?
She _____ drive.	She can't drive.	_____ she drive?
We can dance.	We _____ dance.	Can we dance?
They _____ paint.	They can't paint.	_____ they paint?

2 Complete with can or can't.

Example: Tom is a singer. He _____ sing very well. → can

1. I _____ swim, but not very well.
2. Omar is a taxi driver, so he _____ drive.
3. We _____ speak Chinese, only English and Russian.
4. _____ you play the piano? Yes, a bit.
5. My parents _____ use a computer at all.
6. Can she play tennis? Yes, she _____.
7. Ali _____ ride a bike, so he goes on foot.
8. Can you sing? No, I _____. Not at all!
9. Lena is a cook, so she _____ cook very well.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 can't, 2 Can, 3 can, 4 Can, 5 can't, 6 can, 7 Can **2** 1 can, 2 can, 3 can't, 4 Can, 5 can't, 6 can, 7 can't, 8 can't, 9 can

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