

Grammar

Can to express ability	
Affirmative	Negative
You Manny We	I They She
can stock shelves.	cannot can't speak Chinese.
Yes/No questions	Short answers
Can you use a cash register?	Yes, I can. No, I can't.

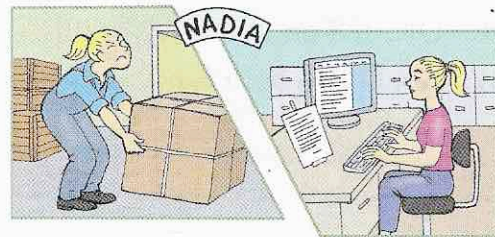
Grammar Watch

- Use *can* + the base form of the verb.
- *Can't* = *cannot*. We use *can't* more often.

1 PRACTICE

A Look at the pictures. Write one question with *can* for each picture.

1. Can Nadia lift heavy boxes?



2. _____



3. _____



B PAIRS. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise A.

A: *Can Nadia lift heavy boxes?*

B: *No, she can't.*

2 PRACTICE

A PAIRS. Look at Luisa's job application. Ask and answer questions about Luisa's skills. Use *can*.

A: *Can Luisa use a computer?*

B: *No, she can't.*

Luisa Ruiz

Please check the skills you have.

Office skills

- use a computer
- answer the phone
- record information

Warehouse skills

- operate a forklift
- sort materials
- lift up to 50 lbs.

B WRITE. Write sentences about Luisa's skills. Use *can* and *can't*.

1. Luisa can't use a computer.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

C WRITE. Look at the skills on the application in Exercise A. Write sentences about things you can and can't do.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Show what you know! Talk about your skills at a job interview

STEP 1. Write three questions to ask your group about their job skills.

Question	Name	Answer
Can you use a computer?	Paola	Yes
1. Can you		
2. Can you		
3. Can you		

STEP 2. GROUPS OF 4. Interview each member of your group. Ask one of your questions. Complete the chart in Step 1.

STEP 3. Tell the class about your group's job skills.

Paola can use a computer. Juan can ...

Can you... talk about your skills at a job interview?