

LANGUAGE REFERENCE

UNIT 3

can for ability and permission

Affirmative		Negative	
I	can play the piano.	I	can't play the piano.
You		You	
He / She / It		He / She / It	
We		We	
You		You	
They		They	

- We use **can** to express ability or permission.
He can play the guitar. (ability)
Dad says we can play video games tonight. (permission)
- Can** is the same in all forms. The *he/she/it* form doesn't end in **-s**.
She can speak Portuguese.
- We always use the infinitive without **to** after **can**.
They can go to school.
(NOT ~~*They can to go to school.*~~)

can: questions

Yes/No questions	Short answer	
	Affirmative	Negative
Can I go?	Yes, I can.	No, I can't.
Can you go?	Yes, you can.	No, you can't.
Can he / she / it go?	Yes, he / she / it can.	No, he / she / it can't.
Can we go?	Yes, we can.	No, we can't.
Can you go?	Yes, you can.	No, you can't.
Can they go?	Yes, they can.	No, they can't.

- We change the word order when we form questions.
We don't use **do/does**.
Can you use your dictionary at school?
(NOT ~~*Do you can use your dictionary at school?*~~)
- We use the adverbs **very well, well, quite well, not very well, badly** or **not at all** to describe how we are able to do things.
A: Can you play the guitar? B: Yes, but not very well.

Verb forms: (don't) like, don't mind, love, hate + -ing

- We use the **-ing** form of the verb after **like, don't like, don't mind, love** and **hate**.
She loves reading books. (NOT ~~*She loves read books.*~~)
I don't mind going to school. (NOT ~~*I don't mind go to school.*~~)
- We can also use nouns after these verbs.
They don't mind geography but they love history.

Object pronouns

Subject pronoun	I	you	he	she	it	we	you	they
Object pronoun	me	you	him	her	it	us	you	them

- We use object pronouns after some verbs and prepositions.
She meets my sister and I after school every day. – She meets us after school every day.
I usually have lunch with my friends. – I usually have lunch with them.
- For animals and things, we use **it** (singular) and **them** (plural).
Don't feed the bird! – Don't feed it!
Do you read books? – Do you read them?
- We can also put an object pronoun after **like, don't like, don't mind, love** and **hate**.
This is my new book. Do you like it? (NOT ~~*Do you like?*~~)
I don't like Mondays. I hate them.