

"Can" and "can't" for ability

"Can" ו-"can't" ליכולת
"Can" ו-"can't" للتعبير عن القدرة

Summary: can and can't for ability

סיכום: can ו-can't ליכולת
מלחץ: can ו-can't للتعبير عن القدرة

The pattern

התבנית
النمط

Example	
✓ can + verb	He can climb trees.
✗ can't + verb	He can't climb trees.
? Can ... + verb?	Can he climb trees?
Short answer	Yes, he can. / No, he can't.

Remember

זכרו
تذكرو

1. Same form for everyone: I can, she can, they can.

אותה צורה לכולם: I can, she can, they can.
الصيغة نفسها للجميع: I can, she can, they can.

2. No -s and no to after can: She can swim.

בלי -s ובלי to אחרי can: She can swim.
بدون -s وبدون to بعد can: She can swim.

Ability words

מילים של יכולת
كلمات القدرة

1. swim, ride a bike, play the piano, speak English

2. jump, run fast, cook, draw, climb, dance

Picture words · מילים בתמונות · كلمات بالصّور

					
tree	cat	dog	fish	bike	horse
עץ شجرة	חתול قطعة	כלב كلب	דג سمكة	אופניים دراجة	סוס حصان

Remember! can + verb with no -s and no to: She can sing (not: She cans sing / She can to sing).

can + פועל בלי -s ובלי to: She can sing (לא: She cans sing / She can to sing).
can + فعل بدون -s وبدون to: She can sing (ולيس: She cans sing / She can to sing).

 **Worked example:** Correct the sentence: Noa cans plays tennis.

1. can never takes -s.
2. The verb after can has no -s.

Answer: Noa can play tennis.

✓ Check yourself – Complete. Use the table and the points:

השלימו. היעזרו בטבלה ובנקודות:
أكمل. استعن بالجدول والنقاط:

- a. My grandpa _____ use a computer. (✓)
b. Penguins _____ fly. (✗)
c. Can you cook? – No, I _____.
d. _____ Ben speak French? – Yes, he can.

Self-check answers: a. can · b. can't · c. can't · d. Can