

Helping verbs: Can

Grade 4 Verb Worksheet

Is “can” being used to express possibility, permission, willingness, or ability?

Possibility: It can rain later today.

- _____ 1. Can you do the dishes for me?
- _____ 2. Can I go to my friend’s house to play video games?
- _____ 3. For dinner, we can have pizza or tacos.
- _____ 4. The boss can let you have a day off.
- _____ 5. Can we please have a longer recess?
- _____ 6. I can hold my breath for ten seconds.
- _____ 7. A turtle can live for a very long time.
- _____ 8. Can you please pass the salt?
- _____ 9. My dad can drive really well.
- _____ 10. School can close if it snows a lot.
- _____ 11. We can wear our pajamas to school on spirit days.

Answers:

1. Can you do the dishes for me? (Willingness)
2. Can I go to my friend's house to play video games? (Permission)
3. For dinner, we can have pizza or tacos. (Possibility)
4. The boss can let you have a day off. (Permission)
5. Can we please have a longer recess? (Permission)
6. I can hold my breath for ten seconds. (Ability)
7. A turtle can live for a very long time. (Ability)
8. Can you please pass the salt? (Willingness)
9. My dad can drive really well. (Ability)
10. School can close if it snows a lot. (Possibility)
11. We can wear our pajamas to school on spirit days. (Permission)