

İngilizce I

Hafta 12

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CAN (-e bilmek)

A. Dialogue



A: This box is very heavy. I can't lift it. Can you help me?

B: Ok, I can lift it.



A: You always go to tennis club on Sundays. Can you play tennis very well?

B: Yes, I can. We often play with friends in the club. Can you play with me?

B. The Verb “Can” (-Ebilmek)

The modal verb **can** is the same in all persons in the singular and in the plural and is always followed by a verb. We use it:

a) to show ability e.g. I can sing

b) to ask somebody to do something for us

e.g. Can you open the door, please?

c) to ask for permission to do something

e.g. Can we play on the computer, please?

* Past of can is **could**

I can walk.

I cannot walk.

Can I walk?

You can walk.

You cannot walk.

Can you walk?

He can walk.

He cannot walk.

Can he walk?

She can walk.

She cannot walk.

Can she walk?

It can walk.

It cannot walk.

Can it walk?

We can walk.

We cannot walk.

Can we walk?

You can walk.

You cannot walk.

Can you walk?

They can walk.

They cannot walk .

Can they walk?

C. Exercises

C.1. Put the words in the right order.

1 trees/can/cats/climb

Cats can climb trees.

2 he /ski /can / in the winter

He can ski in the winter.

3 horse /fast/run/very/a/can

A horse can run very fast.

4 I see can suitcases in the compartment

I can see suitcases in the compartment.

5 My sister make a cake can

My sister can make a cake.

C.2. Ask and answer in the affirmative.

Example : Peter/speak English

Can Peter speak English? Yes, he can.

1 Damla/play basketball

Can Damla play basketball? Yes, she can.

2 Helen/swim

Can Helen swim? Yes, she can.

3 Silvia/run fast

Can Silvia run fast? Yes, she can.

4 That boy/ride a horse

Can that boy ride a horse? Yes, he can.

5 My friend/speak four languages

Can your friend speak four languages? Yes, he/she can.

C.3. Ask and answer in the negative.

Brian/speak Spanish

Can Brian speak Spanish? No, he can't.

1 a cat/swim Can a cat swim ? No, it can't.

2 a horse/fly Can a horse fly ? No, it can't.

3 Jack/swim Can Jack swim ? No, he can't.

4 a bird/ run Can a bird run? No, it can't.

5 Maria/sing a song Can Maria sing a song? No, she can't.

C.4. Correct the statements.

Jim can play football. (volleyball)

Jim can't play football.

He can play volleyball.

1 A rabbit can talk. (a parrot)

A rabbit can't talk.

A parrot can talk.

2 A goldfish can fly. (swim)

A goldfish can't fly.

A goldfish can swim.

3 Damla can speak Portuguese. (English)

Damla can't speak Portuguese.

Damla can speak English.

4 James can play the piano (violin)

James can't play the piano.

James can play the violin.

5 Osman can play football (basketball)

Osman can't play football.

Osman can play basketball.

D. Question Tags!

a) Question tags are short questions. We can make question tags by adding them at the end of the sentences.

- It is very hot, isn't it?

Yes, it is.

-We have a meeting, don't we?

Yes, we do.

-She doesn't speak English, does she?

No, she doesn't.

-You aren't from Australia, are you?

No, I am not.

-Timmy has a dog, doesn't he?

Yes, he does.

-You can drive a car, can't you?

Yes, I can.

b) If the sentence is positive then the question tag is negative.

They speak English, don't they?

If the sentence is negative then the question tag is positive.

You don't get cold, do you?

E. Exercises

E.1. Read the sentences and decide which shows *ability*, *possibility*, *permission* and *request*.

E.g.: I can drive a car. (Ability)

1. You can't smoke here. (.....)
2. My sister is very short, she can't play basketball. (.....)
3. Can I have some sugar please? (.....)
4. I have no time, I can't wait anymore. (.....)
5. I'm sorry, I can't leave late today. (.....)

E.2. Complete the following sentences with question tags.

E.g.: Keith isn't tired today,is she.....?

1. They aren't from Spain,?
2. Becky has lots of homework,?
3. We can go out today,?
4. They must do their homework,?
5. Rose doesn't drink milk at breakfast,?
6. Those birds are nice,?
7. Jane is a very nice girl,?
8. She can't play the piano,?
9. Linda doesn't smoke,?
10. Tim doesn't eat vegetables,?

F. Reading

Mrs. Walker is a housewife. She is 38 years old. Her husband works for a department store. He loves her job very much. They live in Woodland with his family. After work, he spends most of his time with his family. Mr. Walker has a daughter. Her name is Eleanor. She is only ten years old, but very intelligent. She can play the piano very well. She can count and calculate numbers in her mind. She can spell a lot of English words .She can speak a little Italian but she can't read it. She can solve mathematical problems. She can play chess with her father. Finally, she is a perfect girl.

Questions

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| 1. How old is she? | <i>She is 38 years old.</i> |
| 2. Has she got department store? | <i>No, she hasn't.</i> |
| 3. Can Eleanor play piano? | <i>Yes, she can.</i> |
| 4. Can she speak Italian? | <i>Yes, she can.</i> |
| 5. Can she sing very well? | <i>No, she can't.</i> |
| 6. Can she play the drum? | <i>No, she can't.</i> |
| 7. Is Mrs. Walker a housewife? | <i>Yes, she is.</i> |
| 8. How old is Mrs. Walker? | <i>She is 38 years old.</i> |
| 9. Where does Mr. Walker work? | <i>He works for a department store.</i> |
| 10. Does he like his job? | <i>Yes, he does.</i> |
| 11. What does he do after work? | <i>He spends most of his time with his family.</i> |
| 12. Does he spend a little time with her family? | <i>No, he doesn't.</i> |

G. Translation

1. Can your father run fast?

Senin baban hızlı koşabilir mi?

2. Fred can speak Spanish but George can't speak Spanish.

Fred İspanyolca konuşabilir ama George konuşamaz.

3. Why can't you buy that dictionary?

Neden şu sözlüğü almıyorsun ?

4. My sister is very short, she can't play basketball.

Benim kız kardeşim çok kısa,O basketbol oynayamaz.

5. I have no time, I can't wait anymore.

Hiç zamanım yok,daha bekleyemem.

6. It is very hot, isn't it?

Hava çok sıcak değil mi?

7. You aren't from Australia, are you?

Avustralyadansınız değil mi?

8. She doesn't know English, does she?

O İngilizce bilmiyor değil mi?

9. You are cold, aren't you?

Üşümüştün değil mi?

10. We have a meeting today, don't we?

Bugün toplantımız var değil mi?

Writing

I can swim,ski and run. My friend Arzu can play football and run fast.

I can't use a computer or type. My friend can't play the piano or play chess. I can speak English but Arzu can't speak English. She can bake a cake but I can't bake a cake

Now, write a paragraph about what you and your friends can do?

Send it to your class teacher to get it checked.

H. QUIZ

1. A cat fly
a) is b)can c)are d)can't
2. A dog.....bark at nights.
a) can't b)is c)can d)isn't
3. I.....lift this box. It's very heavy.
a)am b)can c)can't d)am not

4. Fish... ..live in water.
a)is b)can c)are d)can't

5. She.....play the piano.
a)is b)can c)are d)aren't

6. You.....buy stamps at the restaurant!
a) can b)are c)aren'td)can't

7. I.....read book in the dark.
a)can b)are c)aren'td)can't

8. A cat is an animal,?
a)is it b)isn't it c)do they d)are they

9. Shelia doesn't like you,.....?
a) do she b)don't you c)does she d)do he

10. Yesterday we were at the cinema,?
a) were we b)weren't we c)weren't he d)were you

11. Cats can climb tree,.....?
a) Can't they b) can they c)can you d)does they

12. That nurse Works in the state hospital,.....?
a)doesn't he b)does she c)doesn't she d)do they

13. Children like chocolate,.....?
a)do they b)don't they c)do you d)does they

14. We went to Antalya last summer,?
a)did we b)didn't we c)did she d)didn't they

15. They speak English,?
a) don't they b) do they c)don't he d)do you

I. ANSWER KEY

E. 1. 1. P 2. A 3. R 4. P 5. P

E. 2. 1. are they 2. doesn't he 3. can't we 4. mustn't they 5. does she 6. aren't
they 7. isn't she 8. can she 9. does she 10. does he

Test Yourself. 1. d 2. c 3. c 4. b 5. b 6. d 7. d 8. b
 9. c 10. b 11. a 12. c 13. b 14. b 15. a