

“CAN”

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Annotatsiya: Ushbu maqola ingliz tilidagi modal fe'l "can"ning grammatik va pragmatik jihatlarini tahlil qiladi. Maqolada qobiliyatni ifodalash, ruxsat berish, imkoniyat va so'rov shakllari, shuningdek, amaliy mashqlar va ishlatilish kontekstlari ko'rib chiqiladi.

Kalit so'zlar: can, qobiliyat, ruxsat, imkoniyat, savol shakli, inkor shakli, ingliz tili grammatikasi

Аннотация: В статье анализируются грамматические и прагматические аспекты модального глагола "can" в английском языке. Рассматриваются способы выражения способности, разрешения, возможности и вопросы, а также практические упражнения и контексты использования.

Ключевые слова: can, способность, разрешение, возможность, вопросительная форма, отрицательная форма, грамматика английского языка

Annotation: This article analyzes the grammatical and pragmatic aspects of the modal verb "can" in English. It examines ways of expressing ability, permission, possibility, interrogative forms, as well as practical exercises and usage contexts for learners.

Keywords: can, ability, permission, possibility, interrogative form, negative form, English grammar

The modal verb "can" is a fundamental part of English grammar used to express ability, permission, and possibility. It allows learners to describe what someone is able to do, what they are allowed to do, or what is possible in a given situation.

Mastering can is crucial because it frequently appears in spoken and written English, both in informal and formal contexts. It is also one of the first modal verbs that English learners encounter due to its simplicity and versatility.

Grammar Structure of "Can"

1. Affirmative Form

Subject + can + base verb

Examples:

I can swim.

She can speak three languages.

They can play football very well.

2. Negative Form

Subject + cannot / can't + base verb

Examples:

I cannot / can't drive a car.

He can't come to the palay

3. Interrogative Form

Can + subject + base verb?

Examples:

Can you help me?

Can she play the piano?

Usage of "Can"

1. Ability

Describes what someone is able to do.

I can run fast.

She can solve complex problems easily.

2. Permission

Indicates what someone is allowed to do.

You can borrow my book.

Children can't enter this area.

3. Possibility

Expresses that something is possible.

Accidents can happen anytime.

This problem can be solved.

4. Requests

Polite requests using can:

Can you pass me the salt

Can I ask you a question?

5. Suggestions

I can show you the way.

We can go to the cinema tonight.

Difference Between "Can" and "Be Able To"

Can is mainly used in the present and future.

I can swim.

Be able to can be used in all tenses, including past and future:

I was able to solve the problem yesterday.

She will be able to attend the meeting tomorrow.

Common Mistakes

1. Using can in past tense incorrectly:

Incorrect: I can swim yesterday. → Correct: I could swim yesterday.

2. Confusing can with may for permission:

“Can I go?” is informal and common in spoken English.

“May I go?” is formal, polite, and used in written English.

3. Omitting the base verb after can:

Incorrect: She can to sing. → Correct: She can sing.

Practical Exercises

1. Affirmative Sentences

Complete the sentences with can:

I __ speak three languages.

They __ run very fast.

She __ play the guitar.

2. Negative Sentences

Rewrite the sentences in negative form:

He can drive a car. → __

I can lift this box. → __

3. Interrogative Sentences

Make questions using can:

You can help me. → __?

She can play chess. → __?

4. Using “Can” for Possibility

Write sentences about things that can happen:

Example: Accidents can happen anytime.

5. Using “Can” for Requests and Suggestions

Form polite questions:

__ you open the window?

Make suggestions:

We __ go to the park this afternoon.

Conclusion

The modal verb “can” is a versatile and essential part of English grammar. It allows learners to express ability, permission, possibility, requests, and suggestions effectively.

Mastery of can improves both spoken and written communication and forms the foundation for learning other modal verbs.

Understanding the rules, common mistakes, and proper usage of can is crucial for fluency in English. With practice, learners can use can confidently in everyday conversations, academic writing, and formal contexts.

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