



can/can't

Part 1: Video preparation

- 1 Do you remember reading about a sport on page 41 of your Student's Book? What was the name of the sport?
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- 2 Circle the two correct alternatives from this sentence.

You can dive/jump/swim from a height.



- 3 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

1 Who is the man in the photo?

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2 What is he doing?

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3 Why is it unusual?

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Part 2: Video comprehension

Watch the video as many times as necessary and do the exercises.

- 1 Answer the questions.

1 Name the object from the video that Professor Splash uses to practise the sport.

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2 What is the height of the dive in the video?

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3 Does the presenter (Dave) dive from the height mentioned in the video?

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4 What advice does the presenter (Dave) give at the end of the video?

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- 2 Read the two rules for **can**. Then match the correct rule to the sentence.

- a We use **can** to talk about ability.
b We also use **can** to talk about possibility.

I can dive from 11 metres into a small pool.

- 3 One of these sentences appears in the video. Which one is it?

- 1 He can dive from 10 metres into a small pool.
2 I can't dive from 11 metres into a small pool.
3 She cannot dive from 11 metres into a small pool.
4 Can I dive from 11 metres into a swimming pool?

- 4 Which sentence in 3 can you re-write using the contracted form?

- 5 Use the video explanation to circle the correct alternative.

- a When we speak, we normally use can't/cannot in the negative.
b The forms of can/can't with different subject pronouns are always the same/change.
c With questions we put can/do/does before the subject.
d In short answers we repeat/don't repeat the main verb.

Part 3: Grammar practice

Complete the sentences using the correct form of **can** or **can't** and the words given.

- 1 I ten metres into a swimming pool. It's easy. (dive)
2 The sea is dangerous for him because he (swim)
3 The sky is cloudy. They the cliffs. (see)
4 A:? (you/ski)
B: Yes, I
5 Sorry, we today. We're too tired. (train)