What does "Can" mean?

1) Ability (умение)

- I can play the piano
- •He can play tennis.
- •They can build beautiful houses.

- •Я умею играть на пианино.
- Он умеет играть в теннис.
- Они умеют строить дома.

2) Possibility (возможность)

- •I can hire a car and travel across London.
- We can buy a new computer.
- You can see stars at night.

- Я могу арендовать машину и путешествовать по Лондону.
- Мы можем купить новый компьютер.
- Ты можешь видеть звезды ночью.

3) Request (просьба)

- •Can I have your passport, please!
- •Can you give me your pen, please?
- •Can I have 1 kg of apples, please!

Можно ваш паспорт, пожалуйста!

Можете дать мне ручку?

Мне, пожалуйста, килограмм яблок! (в магазине)

4 Permission (Разрешение)

- •Mum, can I go outside?
- Yes, you can.
- •Dad, can I use your phone?
- •No, you can't.

• Мам, можно мне пойти на улицу?

- •Да, можно.
- Папа, можно пользоваться твоим телефоном?

• Нет, нельзя.

Affirmative sentence +	Negative sentence -	Question ?	Short Answer
I can dance	I can't dance.	Can I dance?	Yes, I can. No I can't.
You can dance	You can't dance.	Can you dance?	Yes, I can. No, you can't
She can dance	She can't dance.	Can she dance?	Yes, she can. No, she can't.
He can dance	He can't dance.	Can he dance?	Yes, he can. No, he can't.
It can dance	It can't dance.	Can it dance?	Yes, it can. No, it can't.
We can dance	We can't dance.	Can we dance?	Yes, we can. No, we can't.
They can dance	They can't dance.	Can they dance?	Yes, they can't. No, they can't.