ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

The Modal Verb Can, Can't Test A1 A2 Level Exercises

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Explanations

1. The room is very dark. I _____ you. _____ turn the lights on?
✔ **B) can't see / Can you**
In a dark room you **can't see**. To ask someone to do something, we say **Can you ...?**

2. There aren't any eggs in the fridge. _____ a cake.
✔ **B) I can't make**
You need eggs for a cake. There are no eggs, so **I can't make** a cake.

3. My grandma has got an eyesight problem. _____ see well without her glasses.
✔ **A) She can't**
Grandma is a woman, so we use **she**. Her eyes are bad, so she **can't** see well without glasses.

4. Monkeys can _____ but they can't _____.
✔ **B) climb trees / fly**
Monkeys **can climb trees**, but they have no wings, so they **can't fly**.

5. Our daughter is two years old but _____ read and write.
✔ **A) she can**
A daughter is a girl, so we use **she**. **But** shows a surprise: she is only two, but **she can** read and write.

6. I'm sorry. It is very cold here. _____ the window?
✔ **C) Can I close**
It is cold, so you want to close the window. To ask for permission, we say **Can I ...? Can I close the window?**

7. A: Can I have a cup of coffee, please?

B: _____
✔ **B) Yes, you can.**
A short answer to **Can I ...?** is **Yes, you can.** or **No, you can't.**

8. Sue is a very lazy student. _____ pass the final exam.
✔ **D) She can't**
Sue is a girl, so we use **she**. She is lazy and doesn't study, so **she can't** pass the exam.

9. A: I _____ find my key. Where is it?

B: I don't know. You _____ use my spare key.

A: Oh, thanks!
✔ **C) can't / can**
A is asking where the key is, so A **can't find** it. B helps: **You can use my spare key.**

10. A: I'm sorry but you _____ park your car here. _____ see the sign?

B: Oh! Sorry.
✔ **B) can't / Can you**
Parking here is not allowed, so **you can't park**. Then A asks a question: **Can you see the sign?**

11. Tom is very intelligent. He _____ three languages.
✔ **D) can speak**
We say **speak a language**: **He can speak three languages.** Not **listen**: we say **listen to**, and it doesn't go with languages.

12. Jason's leg hurts. _____ run fast.
✔ **B) He can't**
His leg hurts, so **he can't** run fast. The sentence is not a question, so we don't use **Can he**.

13. My best friend is deaf so he _____ you.
✔ **D) can't hear**
Deaf means a person **can't hear**. So **he can't hear you**.

14. This computer is very expensive. I can't _____ it.
✔ **C) buy**
The computer costs a lot of money, so I **can't buy** it.

15. I am very hungry. I _____ a huge sandwich.
✔ **D) can eat**
I am hungry, so I **can eat** a big sandwich. We eat food and we drink water or juice.

16. _____ with my homework, Mum?
✔ **C) Can you help me**
To ask someone to help, we say **Can you help me ...? Can you help me with my homework?**