**Modal “can” indicating ability and its negative**

Practice exercise 1

Underline the correct answers.

1. Every student (can, cannot) learn to read and write.

2. A blind man (can, cannot) see.

3. A magician (can, cannot) do magic tricks.

4. We (can, cannot) live in water.

5. A clown (can, cannot) make people laugh.

6. A doctor (can, cannot) cure sick people.

7. Plants (can, cannot) live without water.

8. Penguins are birds that (can, cannot) fly.

9. My father has a driving license. He (can, cannot) drive a car.

10. Andy is too short. He (can, cannot) reach the shell.

Practice exercise 2

Answer the questions with “Yes, I can” or “No, I can’t”

1. Can a dog sing? No, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Can the beetle fly? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Can Ben draw a picture? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Can Claire ride a bicycle? No, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Can Marie play the piano? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Can caterpillars fly? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Can Mr. Smith carry the box? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Can a hen lay eggs? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. Can a horse jump over the fence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Can Timmy reach the top of the cupboard? No, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.