I Can, You Can: An Ability Chant

Seviye A1–A2 · Dinleme · Konuşma

Warm-up

- What can you do well?
- Can you swim?
- What do you want to learn this year?

I Can, You Can

I can swim and I can run, — Yüzebilirim ve koşabilirim,
I can ride a bike for fun. — Eğlence için bisiklet sürebilirim.
Can you dance? Yes, I can! — Dans edebilir misin? Evet, edebilirim!
Can you cook? No, I can't – Gran can! — Yemek yapabilir misin? Hayır, yapamam – büyükannem yapabilir!

He can skate and she can sing, — O (erkek) paten kayabilir, o (kız) şarkı söyleyebilir,
We can do almost anything! — Biz neredeyse her şeyi yapabiliriz!
A fish can swim but it can't fly, — Bir balık yüzebilir ama uçamaz,
A bird can fly up in the sky. — Bir kuş gökyüzünde uçabilir.

Can't, can't – I can't ski yet, — Yapamam, yapamam – henüz kayak yapamam,
But I can learn it, don't forget! — Ama öğrenebilirim, unutma!
Practise, practise, every day – — Çalış, çalış, her gün –
I can't today, but I will someday! — Bugün yapamıyorum ama bir gün yapacağım!

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
swim	yüzmek	*I can swim very well.*

ride a bike	bisiklet sürmek	*Can you ride a bike?*
dance	dans etmek	*My sister can dance.*
cook	yemek yapmak	*My grandma can cook amazing food.*
skate	paten kaymak	*He can skate fast.*
ski	kayak yapmak	*I can't ski yet.*
practise	alıştırma yapmak, pratik yapmak	*I practise the guitar every day.*
yet	henüz	*I can't drive yet.*

Reading

Everybody can do some things and can't do other things. That's normal! This chant is about abilities – and about learning new skills.

(How to play: Snap your fingers or tap the desk on every beat. Give a thumbs up on "can" and a thumbs down on "can't". Split the class: one half asks the "Can you …?" questions, the other half answers.)

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Özne + can + fiil	She can sing.
Özne + can't + fiil	A fish can't fly.
Can + özne + fiil?	Can you dance? – Yes, I can. / No, I can't.
Dikkat: can'dan sonra fiil yalın	He can swim. (He can swims değil)

Discussion

1. What can you do well?

2. What can't you do yet?

3. What can your best friend do?

4. What skill do you want to learn?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. In the chant, who can cook?

a) The fish
b) Gran
c) The bird

2. Choose the correct sentence.

a) She can sings.
b) She cans sing.
c) She can sing.
d) She can to sing.

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

3. A fish can swim but it _____ fly.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. In the chant, the speaker can ski. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

5. Match the subject and the ability in the chant.

1. He ( )
2. She ( )
3. A fish ( )
4. A bird ( )

a) can sing
b) can skate
c) can swim
d) can fly

Put the parts in the correct order. *(Doğru sıraya koyun.)*

6. Put the words in order.

But / forget! / don't / can / it, / I / learn

Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

7. Sing the chant with a friend. Then make your own verse with two things you can do and one thing you can't do yet.