Helping verbs: can

Grade 4 Verbs Worksheet

Is “can” being used to express possibility, permission, willingness, or ability?

1. He can do a handstand.
2. Can you do the dishes for me?
3. Can I go to my friend’s house to play video games?
4. For dinner, we can have pizza or tacos.
5. The boss can let you have a day off.
6. Can we please have a longer recess?
7. I can hold my breath for ten seconds.
8. A turtle can live for a very long time.
9. Can you please pass the salt?
10. My dad can drive really well.
11. School can close if it snows a lot.
12. We can wear our pajamas to school on spirit days.

Hint: Can is used to express possibility, permission, willingness, and ability.
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Answers

Ability 1. He can do a handstand.

Willingness 2. Can you do the dishes for me?

Permission 3. Can I go to my friend’s house to play video games?

Possibility 4. For dinner, we can have pizza or tacos.

Permission 5. The boss can let you have a day off.

Willingness 6. Can we please have a longer recess?

Ability 7. I can hold my breath for ten seconds.

Possibility 8. A turtle can live for a very long time.

Willingness 9. Can you please pass the salt?

Ability 10. My dad can drive really well.

Possibility 11. School can close if it snows a lot.

Permission 12. We can wear our pajamas to school on spirit days.