

Patina · Grammar

And · But

the same · different

First, **can**: what a person is able to do. Then two sentences become one. When the two things are the same, join them with **and**. When they are different, join them with **but**.

★ can, then and and but · ★★ how to build it · ★★ then and now · ★★ join them, ask with can, fix it

★ Can · can't

Two cards. The same sentences with can and can't.

CAN

able to do

can + the action

I **CAN** drive. 🗣️

She **CAN** cook. 🗣️

We **CAN** work weekends. 🗣️

CAN'T

not able to do

can't · cannot + the action

I **CAN'T** drive. 🗣️

She **CAN'T** cook. 🗣️

We **CAN'T** work weekends. 🗣️

He **COOKS** every day. 🗣️

He **CAN COOK**. 🗣️

After can, the action has no -s and no to.

★ And · But

Two cards. And joins the same. But joins different.

AND

the same

sentence , and sentence

I can drive, **AND** I can cook. 🗣️

She is a nurse, **AND** she can speak French. 🗣️

He can't drive, **AND** he can't cook. 🗣️

BUT

different

sentence , but sentence

I can drive, **BUT** I can't cook. 🗣️

She was a cashier, **BUT** now she is a pharmacist. 🗣️

He is a driver now, **BUT** he was an engineer. 🗣️

She was a cashier, but now **SHE** is a pharmacist. 🗣️

After but, say the person again.

I was a ____ before, **BUT** now I am a ____.

Any two jobs, in any order. Say it at a job interview.

★★ How to build it

Two sentences become one. Add a comma, then and or but.

sentence , **and** sentence · sentence , **but** sentence

I can cook. + I can drive.

I can cook, **AND** I can drive. 🗣️

I can cook. + I can't drive.

I can cook, **BUT** I can't drive. 🗣️

The same: and. Different: but.

I	-----	can	can't	🗣️
You	-----	can	can't	🗣️
He/She/It	-----	can	can't	🗣️
We	-----	can	can't	🗣️
They	-----	can	can't	🗣️

Everyone takes can and can't. They never change.

Add not: can't. The long form is cannot.

★★ Then and now, with but

Four people from Job Words. One sentence each: now, but before.



Luis is a cook, **BUT** he was a dishwasher. 🎧



Ana is a nurse, **BUT** she was a home health aide. 🎧



Sam is a driver, **BUT** he was an engineer. 🎧



Elena is a pharmacist, **BUT** she was a cashier. 🎧

★★★ Join them

Make one sentence. Keep every word. Add and or but.

and

but

Sam can drive. + He can't cook.

1

Ana can give first aid. + She can use a computer.

2

Luis can cook. + He can bake.

3

I can use a computer. + I can't type fast.

4

She was a cashier. + Now she is a pharmacist.

5

He can't drive. + He can't ride a bike.

6

We can work weekends. + We can't work nights.

7

They were drivers before. + Now they are teachers.

8

★★★ Ask with can

Watch can move. In a question it goes first. The answer repeats it.

You **can** work weekends. 🗣️

→ Can you work weekends? 🗣️

→ Yes, I **can**. 🗣️
No, I **can't**. 🗣️

He **can** drive a forklift. 🗣️

→ Can he drive a forklift? 🗣️

→ Yes, he **can**. 🗣️
No, he **can't**. 🗣️

She **can** speak Spanish. 🗣️

→ Can she speak Spanish? 🗣️

→ Yes, she **can**. 🗣️
No, she **can't**. 🗣️

The answer repeats can. Never use do with can.

★★★ Make it a question

Make it a question. Put can at the front. Type the whole question.

1 She can sew.

2 They can work nights.

3 You can use a computer.

★★★ Fix the sentence

Each sentence is broken in one place. Keep every word and change only what is broken.

1

✗ He can cooks.

After can, no -s.

2

✗ She can to drive.

No to after can.

3

✗ I no can work nights.

Not comes after can.

4

✗ I can drive, but I can cook.

But needs something different.

5

✗ She was a cashier, but now is a pharmacist.

Say the person again after but.

6

✗ Do you can drive?

Not do. This verb asks with can.

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