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ca, canned, canning, cans, could Meanings Synonyms Sentences Used to indicate physical or mental ability. I can carry both suitcases. Can you remember the war? Used to indicate possession of a specified power, right, or privilege. The president can veto congressional bills. Used to indicate possession of a specified capability or skill. I can tune the harpsichord as well as play it. Used to indicate possibility or probability. I wonder if my long lost neighbor can still be alive. Such things can and do happen. Used to indicate that which is permitted, as by conscience or feelings. One can hardly blame you for being upset. More Verb Definitions (33) Any of various containers usually or traditionally cylindrical, made of metal, and with a separate cover. A milk can, a garbage can, a can of shoe polish. A container made of tinned iron or other metal, in which foods or other perishable products are sealed for preservation. The contents of such a container. The amount that a can holds. More Noun Definitions (6) More Abbreviation Definitions (1) Something that is easily accomplished, especially a routine catch of a fly ball in baseball. A complex or difficult problem. Completed and ready for release, as a film or scene of a film. recorded, filmed, taped, etc. but not yet released for sale, exhibition, broadcast, viewing, etc. From Middle English canne, from Old English canne (“glass, container, cup, can”), from Proto-Germanic *kannō (“can, tankard, mug, cup”), perhaps from Proto-Indo-European *gan-, *gandʰ- (“a vessel”). Cognate with Scots can (“can”), West Frisian kanne (“a jug, pitcher”), Dutch kan (“pot, mug”), German Kanne (“can, tankard, mug”), Danish kande (“can, mug, a measure”), Swedish kanna (“can, tankard, mug”), Icelandic kanna (“a can”). From Wiktionary From Middle English can (first and third person singular of cunnen, connen "to be able, know how") from Old English can(n), first and third person singular of cunnan (“to know how”), from Proto-Germanic *ƕunnaną, from Proto-Indo-European, *ǵnéh₃-. Compare Dutch kunnen, Low German könen, German können, Danish kunne. More at canny, cunning. 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Please let us know if you cannot attend the meeting. 2used to say that someone knows how to do something She can speak Spanish. Can he cook? She could read before she started kindergarten. 3used with the verbs “feel”, “hear”, “see”, “smell”, “taste” She could feel the cool air on her face. I can hear music. 4used to show that someone is allowed to do something You can take the car if you want. We can't wear jeans at work. 5(informal) used to ask permission to do something Can I read your newspaper? Can I take you home? 6(informal) used to ask someone to help you Can you help me with this box? Can you feed the cat, please? 7used in the negative for saying that you are sure something is not true That can't be Mary—she's in New York. He can't have slept through all that noise. 8used to express doubt or surprise What can they be doing? Can he be serious? Where could she have put it? 9used to say what someone or something is often like He can be very tactless sometimes. It can be really cold here in the winter. 10used to make suggestions We can eat in a restaurant if you like. I can take the car if necessary. 11(informal) used to say that someone must do something, usually when you are angry You can be quiet or get out! Grammarmodal verbsThe modal verbs are can, could, may, might, must, ought to, shall, should, will, and would. Dare, need, have to, and used to also share some of the features of modal verbs.Modal verbs have only one form. They have no past or present participles and do not add -s to the 3rd person singular form:He can speak three languages. She will try and visit tomorrow.Modal verbs are followed by the infinitive of another verb without to. The exceptions are ought to and used to:You must find a job. You ought to stop smoking. I used to smoke, but I quit two years ago.Questions are formed without do/does in the present or did in the past:Can I invite Mary? Should I have invited Mary?Negative sentences are formed with not or the short form -n’t and do not use do/does or did:You shouldn't invite Mary. The error will not have affected our results.You will find more help with how to use modal verbs at the dictionary entries for each verb. Idioms as happy, etc. as possible Shopping online is as simple as can be. used to say that you are not able or willing to do something Sorry, no can do. I just don't have the time. Which Word?can / may Can and cannot (or can't) are the most common words used for asking for, giving, or refusing permission:Can I borrow your calculator? You can come with us if you want to. You can't park your car there. May (negative may not) is used as a polite and fairly formal way to ask for or give permission:May I borrow your newspaper? You may come if you wish.It is often used in official signs and rules:Visitors may use the swimming pool between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Students may not use the college car park.The form mayn’t is hardly ever used in modern English. Grammarcan / could / be able to / manageCan is used to say that somebody knows how to do something:Can you play the piano?It is also used with verbs of seeing, noticing, etc:I can hear someone calling, and with passive infinitives:The DVD can be found online.Can or be able to are used to say that something is possible or that somebody has the opportunity to do something:Can you/Are you able to come on Saturday?You use be able to to form the future and perfect tenses and the infinitive:You’ll be able to get a taxi outside the station. I haven’t been able to get much work done today. She’d love to be able to play the piano.Could is used to talk about what someone was generally able to do in the past:Our daughter could walk when she was nine months old.You use was/were able to or manage (but not could) when you are saying that something was possible on a particular occasion in the past:I was able to/managed to find some useful books in the library. I could find some useful books in the library.Manage is more formal and less frequent than be able to. In negative sentences, could not can also be used:We weren’t able to/didn’t manage to/couldn’t get there in time.Could is also used with this meaning with verbs of seeing, noticing, understanding, etc.:I could see there was something wrong.Could have is used when you are saying that it was possible for somebody to do something in the past but they did not try:I could have won the game but decided to let him win instead.See can in the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary Princeton's WordNet4.5 / 2 votescan, tin, tin cannounairtight sealed metal container for food or drink or paint etc.can, canfulnounthe quantity contained in a cancan, can buoynouna buoy with a round bottom and conical topbuttocks, nates, arse, butt, backside, bum, buns, can, fundament, hindquarters, hind end, keister, posterior, prat, rear, rear end, rump, stern, seat, tail, tail end, tooshie, tush, bottom, behind, derriere, fanny, assnounthe fleshy part of the human body that you sit on"he deserves a good kick in the butt"; "are you going to sit on your fanny and do nothing?"toilet, can, commode, crapper, pot, potty, stool, thronenouna plumbing fixture for defecation and urinationtoilet, lavatory, lav, can, john, privy, bathroomverba room or building equipped with one or more toiletscan, tin, put upverbpreserve in a can or tin"tinned foods are not very tasty"displace, fire, give notice, can, dismiss, give the axe, send away, sack, force out, give the sack, terminateverbterminate the employment of; discharge from an office or position"The boss fired his secretary today"; "The company terminated 25% of its workers"Samuel Johnson's Dictionary0.0 / 0 votesCannounA cup; generally a cup made of metal, or some other matter than earth.Etymology: canne, Sax.I hate it as an unfill’d can. William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night. One tree, the coco, affordeth stuff for housing, cloathing, shipping, meat, drink, and can. Nehemiah Grew, Cosmologia Sacra. His empty can, with ears half worn away,Was hung on high, to boast the triumph of the day. Dryden.CanverbIt is sometimes, though rarely, used alone; but is in constant use as an expression of the potential mood;Etymology: konnen, Dutch.1. To be able; to have power. In place there is licence to do good and evil, whereof the latter is a curse; for, in evil, the best condition is not to will; the second not to can. Francis Bacon, Essays, №. 11. O, there’s the wonder!Mecænas and Agrippa, who can mostWith Cæsar, and his foes. His wife Octavia,Driv’n from his house, sollicits her revenge,And Dolabella, who was once his friend. John Dryden, All for Love. He can away with no company, whose discourse goes beyond what claret and dissoluteness inspires. John Locke.2. It expresses the potential mood; as, I can do it. If she can make me blest? She only can:Empire, and wealth, and all she brings beside,Are but the train and trappings of her love. Dryden.3. It is distinguished from may, as power from permission; I can do it; it is in my power: I may do it; it is allowed me: but, in poetry, they are confounded.4. Can is used of the person with the verb active, where may is used; of the thing, with the verb passive; as, I can do it; it may be done.ChatGPT0.0 / 0 votescanThe word "can" is a modal verb that is used to indicate the ability or capability of someone or something to do a specific action or task. It implies that the person or thing has the capacity, skill, or permission to accomplish or perform the mentioned action.Webster Dictionary3.0 / 1 voteCanan obs. form of began, imp. & p. p. of Begin, sometimes used in old poetry. [See Gan.]Cannouna drinking cup; a vessel for holding liquidsCannouna vessel or case of tinned iron or of sheet metal, of various forms, but usually cylindrical; as, a can of tomatoes; an oil can; a milk canCanverbto preserve by putting in sealed cansCanto know; to understandCanto be able to do; to have power or influenceCanto be able; -- followed by an infinitive without to; as, I can go, but do not wish toEtymology: [OE. & AS. canne; akin to D. Kan, G. Kanne, OHG. channa, Sw. Kanna, Dan. kande.]Wikidata0.0 / 0 votesCANCan was a German experimental rock band formed in Cologne, West Germany in 1968. Later labeled as one of the first krautrock groups, they transcended mainstream influences and incorporated strong minimalist and world music elements into their often psychedelic music. Can constructed their music largely through collective spontaneous composition—which the band differentiated from improvisation in the jazz sense—sampling themselves in the studio and editing down the results; bassist/chief engineer Holger Czukay referred to Can's live and studio performances as "instant compositions". They had occasional commercial success, with singles such as "Spoon" and "I Want More" reaching national singles charts. Through albums such as Monster Movie, Tago Mago, Ege Bamyasi and Future Days, the band exerted a considerable influence on avant-garde, experimental, underground, ambient, new wave and electronic music.Chambers 20th Century Dictionary0.0 / 0 votesCankan, v.i. to be able: to have sufficient power:—pa.t. Could.—Can is used for gan in M. E. and even in Spenser. [A.S. cunnan, to know (how to do a thing), to be able, pres. indic. can; Goth. kunnan, Ger. können, to be able. See Know.]Cankan, n. a vessel for holding or carrying liquids, generally of tinned iron, with a handle over the top: a chimney-pot: a vessel of tin-plate in which meat, fruit, &c. are hermetically sealed for exporting—in England usually called a tin: a drinking-mug.—v.t. to put up for preservation in cans.—n.pl. Canned´-goods, meat, fruit, &c. so prepared for preservation.—n. Can´nery, a place where meat, fish, fruit, &c. are canned. [A.S. canne; cf. L. canna, a reed, Gr. kannē, a reed.]Dictionary of Nautical Terms0.0 / 0 votescanA tin vessel used by sailors to drink out of.Editors Contribution0.0 / 0 votescanBe able.We can do easily what is vital, necessary and just.Submitted by MaryC on January 25, 2020 Suggested Resources0.0 / 0 votescanSong lyrics by can -- Explore a large variety of song lyrics performed by can on the Lyrics.com website.CANWhat does CAN stand for? -- Explore the various meanings for the CAN acronym on the Abbreviations.com website.CanCan vs. May -- In this Grammar.com article you will learn the differences between the words Can and May.Surnames Frequency by Census Records0.0 / 0 votesCANAccording to the U.S. Census Bureau, Can is ranked #23750 in terms of the most common surnames in America.The Can surname appeared 1,065 times in the 2010 census and if you were to sample 100,000 people in the United States, approximately 0 would have the surname Can.37.6% or 401 total occurrences were of Hispanic origin.34.1% or 364 total occurrences were White.21.9% or 234 total occurrences were Asian.3.1% or 33 total occurrences were Black.Matched CategoriesBody PartBuoyContainerfulPlumbing FixtureRemoveBritish National CorpusSpoken Corpus FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'CAN' in Spoken Corpus Frequency: #48Written Corpus FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'CAN' in Written Corpus Frequency: #50Nouns FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'CAN' in Nouns Frequency: #2360Verbs FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'CAN' in Verbs Frequency: #7Usage in printed sourcesFrom: Anagrams for CAN »How to pronounce CAN?How to say CAN in sign language?NumerologyChaldean NumerologyThe numerical value of CAN in Chaldean Numerology is: 9Pythagorean NumerologyThe numerical value of CAN in Pythagorean Numerology is: 9Liu Guoliang:These athletes, who are friends with each other, can work together in the competition ; so that fans from both countries can cheer them on, opening a new chapter of Ping Pong Diplomacy in this new era.John Mafi:Oftentimes less can be more, particularly for things like uncomplicated headache where the vast majority of times they'll go away on their own with very conservative treatment and by listening to your body and really paying attention to the triggers.Keiichiro Shibuya:This work is a metaphor of the relations between humans and technology. Sometimes the android will get crazy, human orchestras have to follow. But sometimes humans can cooperate very comfortably.Kyum Kim:We just all realized that there’s a need for communication that is kind of independent of company control, because when employees talk to each other in a work setting, they can’t be honest – and they have to always kind of be self conscious about what the boss is going to think, or what other people are going to think.Andrew Sussman:In instances where patients do not have a primary care provider — about 50 percent of all visits – MinuteClinic can be a portal of entry into primary care by providing a resource list of primary care physicians in the area who are accepting new patients. 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