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Practice Worksheet - Using Can and Can't: Ability, Permission, and Polite Requests

Name: _____ Date: _____

Quick Grammar Reminder

- **Ability: Shows what you know how to do. (*I can swim. / He can't drive.*)**
- **Permission: Shows what is allowed or against the rules. (*Can I go out? / You can't eat here.*)**
- **Polite Requests: Asks someone to do something for you. (*Can you help me, please?*)**
- **Golden Rule: Never change the main verb after can or can't! (*She can play*, NOT *She can plays* or *She can to play*.)**

Part 1: Fill in the Blanks (Ability)

Complete each sentence with can or can't based on the clues.

1. **Fish live in the water, so they _____ breathe underwater.**
2. **My baby brother is only three months old, so he _____ talk yet.**
3. **Penguins have wings, but they _____ fly in the sky.**
4. **Sarah practices the piano every day, so she _____ play many songs.**
5. **It is very dark in this room, so I _____ see my keys on the floor.**
6. **A cheetah is a very fast animal; it _____ run over 100 kilometers per hour.**

Part 2: Permission or Polite Request?

Read each question and write Permission (asking if it is okay for you to do something) or Request (asking someone else to help you) on the line.

7. **Can you pass me the salt, please? — _____**
8. **Excuse me, teacher. Can I sharpen my pencil? — _____**
9. **Can you repeat that word slowly, please? — _____**
10. **Mom, can we watch a movie after we finish our homework? — _____**
11. **Can you help me carry these heavy boxes, please? — _____**
12. **Can I borrow your red pen for a minute? — _____**

Part 3: Multiple Choice

Circle the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

13. **My father _____ fix broken bicycles very well. a) cans b) can c) can to**
14. **You _____ bring food or drinks into the school computer lab. a) can't b) don't can c) can nots**
15. **_____ speak three languages? a) Do you can b) Can you c) You can**
16. **Maria loves music, and she can _____ beautifully. a) sings b) singing c) sing**
17. **Sorry, I _____ come to your birthday party on Saturday because I am busy. a) cant b) can't c) can to not**

Part 4: Fix the Grammar Mistake

Each sentence below has one mistake. Rewrite the sentence correctly on the line.

18. **Do you can help me with my English homework?Correction:**
    _____
19. **My little sister can to ride a bicycle without training wheels.Correction:**
    _____
20. **David don't can swim in the deep end of the pool.Correction:**
    _____
21. **She can cooks delicious pasta for dinner.Correction:**
    _____

Part 5: Write Short Answers

Answer each question using a natural three-word short answer (for example: Yes, I can. or No, she can't.).

22. **Can you speak English? (Yes) Answer: _____**
23. **Can your dog fly? (No) Answer: _____**
24. **Can Tom and Anna come to the park today? (Yes) Answer: _____**
25. **Can your mother drive a car? (Yes) Answer: _____**

Answer Key (Teacher & Self-Check Guide)

Part 1: Fill in the Blanks (Ability)

1. **can**
2. **can't**
3. **can't**
4. **can**
5. **can't**
6. **can**

Part 2: Permission or Polite Request?

7. **Request**
8. **Permission**
9. **Request**
10. **Permission**
11. **Request**
12. **Permission**

Part 3: Multiple Choice

13. **b) can**
14. **a) can't**
15. **b) Can you**
16. **c) sing**
17. **b) can't**

Part 4: Fix the Grammar Mistake

18. **Can you help me with my English homework?** ***(Remove "Do" and put "Can" at the start.)***
19. **My little sister can ride a bicycle without training wheels.** ***(Remove "to" after "can".)***
20. **David can't swim in the deep end of the pool.** ***(Use "can't" instead of "don't can".)***
21. **She can cook delicious pasta for dinner.** ***(Use the base verb "cook" without "-s".)***

Part 5: Write Short Answers

22. **Yes, I can.**
23. **No, it can't.** ***(or No, he can't. / No, she can't.)***
24. **Yes, they can.**
25. **Yes, she can.**