Can, Cannot
and
Should, Should not




We cannot help to save the planet.
Of course we can! We have to try.

Using ‘Can’

We use can:

to show the ability to do something

- She can dance very well.

to ask for or grant permission

- Can I watch TV after completing my homework?
- Yes, you can.

to ask someone to do something for us

- Can you please pass me the salt?



Using ‘Cannot’

We use cannot:

to show the inability to do something

- **Priya cannot reach the shelf. Please, help her.**

to deny permission to do something

- **No, you cannot go to play until you eat your food.**



Using ‘Should’

We use should:

to offer advice

- **You should wash your hands before eating.**

to make a suggestion

- **You should play outdoors every day.**

to express responsibility or a rule

- **You should keep your shoes in the right place.**



Using ‘Should not’

We use should not:

to offer advice

- You should not watch TV before going to sleep.

to make a suggestion

- You should not waste water.



Your Turn to Try

Fill in the blanks with can or cannot.

1. Yes, I _____ sing.
2. No, you _____ have a burger for dinner.
3. _____ you please help me with this sum?
4. We _____ out today. It's raining very hard.
5. She _____ paint. She's very good at it.





Your Turn to Try

Fill in the blanks with should or should not.

1. We _____ litter on the road.
2. You _____ be kind to animals.
3. _____ we visit the Guptas today?
4. We _____ tear leaves off plants.
5. You _____ stop eating junk food.

