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Essential English

Training 5: Can (Part 2)

Hi. I am Marianne. I want to help you learn English. This is a lesson for total beginners or almost beginners. For more advanced courses listen to “Your English” or “QualityTime-ESL Podcasts”. In this lesson I ask you to repeat certain words and short combinations of words. It is easy. It is time to start.

Repeat after me: help, show, guide, explain. Continue to repeat.

Help me.
Show me.

Guide me.
Explain to me.

Repeat after me.

You can help me.
You can show me.

You can guide me.
You can explain to me.

In the next exercise I will give a verb, and you will say the sentence with “you can”. Listen to the examples.

I say: help

You say: You can help me.

I say: show

You say: You can show me.

I say: guide

You say: You can guide me.

I say: explain to me.

You say: You can explain to me.

Now you do the same thing. Speak before I speak.

...help

You can help me.

...show

You can show me.

...guide

You can guide me.

...explain to me.

You can explain to me.

Now repeat these questions.

Can you help me?
Can you show me?

Can you guide me?
Can you explain to me?

Now I will give a verb, and you will say the question with “can”. Listen to the examples.

I say: help

You say: Can you help me?

I say: show

You say: Can you show me?



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I say: guide
You say: Can you guide me?

I say: explain to me.
You say: Can you explain to me?

Now you do the same thing. Speak before I speak.

...help
 Can you help me?
 ...show
 Can you show me?

...guide
 Can you guide me?
 ... explain to me.
 Can you explain to me?

Repeat again these sentences with "can".

You can help me.
 You can show me.

You can guide me.
 You can explain to me.

And repeat again these questions with "can".

Can you help me?
 Can you show me?

Can you guide me?
 Can you explain to me?

Finally, I will say the affirmative sentence, and you will give the question. Listen to the examples.

You can help me.
Can you help me?
You can show me.
Can you show me?

You can guide me.
Can you guide me?
You can explain to me.
Can you explain to me?

Now you do it. Speak before I speak.

You can help me.
 Can you help me?
 You can show me.
 Can you show me?

You can guide me.
 Can you guide me?
 You can explain to me.
 Can you explain to me?

Very good! If you have time, do this lesson again. The script is free on our website.

That's the end of this lesson. Thank you for listening. Goodbye. Bye, bye for now.

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