

# Grammar Worksheet

## Using Can and May

### Note:

1. Both *Can* and *May* are auxiliary verbs, modal verbs.
2. *Can* and *May* are both used to talk about *permission*. However, *can* is used more informally. If you want to sound formal, use *may*.
3. Use *May* when referring to possibility. Example: I *may* be able to have lunch with you on Friday.
4. Use *May* when seeking or giving permission. Example: *May* I go to the bathroom. You *may* use the bathroom.
5. Use *Can* is used to denote physical or mental ability. Example: I *can* ride a bike.

Exercises A. Complete the following sentences using can or may.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ ride my bike to school.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ read a book by herself.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ go the restroom.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ play soccer in the park.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ join us for the game.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ watch a movie this weekend.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ have prepare pizza for lunch.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ have a cookie after lunch.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ write a letter by herself.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ we go outside to play?

Activity B: Write a response for each of the following questions:

1. May I go to the restroom?

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2. May we go outside today?

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3. May we have a cookie after lunch?

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4. May we watch a movie this weekend?

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5. May I borrow your crayons for the art project?

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6. May I join the school talent show?

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7. May we leave early to catch the bus?

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Activity C: Write three sentences using *CAN*, showing your ability.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_