

AUTHORING SENTENCES AMERICAN SPEECHSOUNDS ACADEMIC VERSION

Relaxed Speech: Can or Can't

screen 1

(line 1) You c(a)n sign up later.
(line 2) You can't sign up later.
(line 3) You can't sign up later.
(line 4-Phonetics) notice the vowel length of can is shorter than in can't
(IPA Phonetics) kn / kən kænt

screen 2

(line 1) C(a)n she find it online?
(line 2) Can't she find it online?
(line 3) Can't she find it online?
(line 4-Phonetics) notice the vowel length of can is shorter than in can't
(IPA Phonetics) kn / kən kænt

screen 3

(line 1) We c(a)n meet at the library.
(line 2) We can't meet at the library.
(line 3) We can't meet at the library.
(line 4-Phonetics) notice the vowel length of can is shorter than in can't
(IPA Phonetics) kn / kən kænt

screen 4

(line 1) C(a)n he finish his research?
(line 2) Can't he finish his research?
(line 3) Can't he finish his research?
(line 4-Phonetics) notice the vowel length of can is shorter than in can't
(IPA Phonetics) kn / kən kænt

(See below for additional expressions.)

To Add Can or Can't to American Speechsounds:

1. Click AUTHOR on the Main Menu, and then click START.
2. Enter your password, if you have one, and then click OK.
3. Click AUTHOR LISTEN & CHOOSE/WORDS.
4. Click ADD.
5. Select EXERCISE, and then click OK.
6. Click the EXERCISE box, **type Can or Can't** and click OK.
7. Click the WORDS box and **type** the first expression: "You c(a)n sign up later."
8. **Record this expression** using the RECORD and STOP buttons to the right.
9. Click the PAIRED WORD BOX box and type: "You can't sign up later."
10. **Record this expression** as in step 8, using the buttons to the right.
11. Click the SENTENCE box and type: "You can't sign up later."

12. **Record this sentence** as in step 8, using the buttons to the right.
13. (Optional) Click in the AS PHONETICS box and type: notice the vowel length of can is shorter than in can't
14. (Optional) Click in the IPA box and type (IPA Phonetics) kən kænt
15. For each of the next pages, click ADD PAGE, save the changes and repeat steps 7-14.
16. When you complete this exercise, click BACK and save the changes.
17. Click YES to add information to the Key Information and add helpful instructions.
18. Click BACK to return to the Author Main Menu.
19. Click EXIT to return to the American Speechsounds Main Menu.

Can or Can't is now in American Speechsounds Listen & Choose and Words!

5. Our professor c(a)n meet on Wednesdays.
Our professor can't meet on Wednesdays.
Our professor can't meet on Wednesdays.
kən / kən kænt
6. Can't your advisor sign off on this?
C(a)n your advisor sign off on this?
C(a)n your advisor sign off on this?
kænt kən / kən
7. You can't change her final grade.
You c(a)n change her final grade.
You c(a)n change her final grade.
kænt kən / kən
8. I can't apply for that grant.
I c(a)n apply for that grant.
I c(a)n apply for that grant.
kænt kən / kən
9. My colleague can't understand me.
My colleague c(a)n understand me.
My colleague c(a)n understand me.
kænt kən / kən
10. The chair can't authorize that expenditure.
The chair c(a)n authorize that expenditure.
The chair c(a)n authorize that expenditure.
kænt kən / kən

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