

THEORY:

Can and Cannot or Can't.

Can is an auxiliary verb, more specifically a Modal Auxiliary Verb. These verbs have special characteristics.

Characteristics of the Modal Verbs

The special characteristics inherent to the Modal Auxiliary Verbs are the following ones:

1. Negation: They use an adverb of negation to construct the negative form. This word is located after the auxiliary "can". It presents two forms- The Full Form and The Contracted Form

Example: "She cannot / can't write in Russian."

2. Inversion: There is a Subject-Auxiliary Inversion to to construct an interrogative form.

Example: "Can I play the piano?"

3. Code for Elliptical Constructions, that means, in constructions that are reduced clauses and they are used as the reply to the question where the main verb is omitted.

Example: "Can you play the violin? No, I can't (play the violin)

4. Emphasis: The auxiliaries carry nuclear stress to indicate the emphatic construction of the verb.

Example: "Can you say the answer again? Yes, I CAN, say again.

PRACTICE:

1. Read the Theory of 1BAC A & B and summarize the characteristics of The Auxiliary Modal Verbs.

2. Search the Biography of Edgar A. Poe.

**1 Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.
Pay attention to the words in colour.**

1. You take private lessons with a trainer.
2. You buy nutritious food in a sweet shop.
3. You follow an exercise programme without self-discipline.
4. You get fit by sitting and watching TV.
5. You get in shape by exercising.
6. You do a strenuous activity without energy.
7. You lift weights in a gym.
8. You strengthen your muscles by doing yoga.

2 Are the statements true or false? Correct the false statements without changing the words in colour.

1. When you're exhausted, you've got lots of energy.
2. Someone who is out of shape will find exercise easy.
3. If you've injured your leg, you've hurt it.
4. It's best to avoid fresh food.
5. If you're overweight, you should eat more vegetables.
6. It's dangerous to overdo it at the gym.
7. Someone who is underweight is too thin.
8. If you lack endurance, you'll do well in a marathon.

SOLUTIONS:

1) The summary will be assessed attending to the following aspects:

- All the texts that follow the logical order expressed in the original text and they also are grammatically correct and show all the points of information mentioned and listed previously.

2) The biography will be assessed attending to the following aspects:

- All the texts that follow the logical order of his life and they also are grammatically correct and include all the points of information that are relevant: date and place of birth, academic formation, family aspects, literary production . Also date and place of death.

1) VOCABULARY FITNESS:

1. can
2. can't
3. can't
4. can't
5. can
6. can't
7. can
8. can

2) TRUE OR FALSE STATEMENTS:

1. False. When you're exhausted, you haven't got much energy.
2. False. Someone who is out of shape will probably find exercise difficult.
3. True
4. False. It's best to avoid food with a lot of sugar.
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False. If you lack endurance, you'll do pretty badly in a marathon.