



Can vs Be able to

Warm-up questions:

- Do you have any special skills or talents?
- What do you wish you were good at?
- What are some things you have to do everyday?
- What do you have to do this week?
- How often do you make plans with your friends? What do you usually do?

Can vs. Have to vs. Be able to

Can/Be able to: ability/skill

I can (do) something(well).
I am able to (do) something.

I can't (do) something(well).
I am not able to (do) something.

I can (speak) English well.
I am able to (speak) 5 languages.
I can (meet) you tonight.
I am able to (meet) you tonight.

I can't (cook) well.
I am not able to (swim).
I can't (meet) you tonight.
I am not able to (meet) you tonight.

Have to: Responsibility, Requirement, Obligation

I have to (do) something.

I don't have to (do) something.

I have to (clean) my room.
I have to (finish) my homework.
I have to (meet) my friend.

I don't have to (clean) my room.
I don't have to (finish) my homework.
I don't have to (meet) my friend.

Practice:

Ask your partner if he/she can do the activities below.

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| Cook | Meet friends | Sing | Dance |
| Watch a movie | Play golf | Play piano | Run fast |
| Work with others | Clean the house | Drive | Touch your toes |