

## **Abilities of animals can/ can't games**

*Play the game(s) below that your teacher tells you to.*

### **Can can't random pelmanism**

*Spread the cards across the table (either face up or face down, as your teacher tells you). Take two cards and say something that both can do and something both can't do, e.g. "They can swim. They can't fly". If your partner agrees and you haven't repeated sentences that were used earlier in the game, you can keep the cards and score two points. If you can't think of two statements, if your partner doesn't agree with your statements, or you use the same sentence as someone has already said, then you have to put the cards back in (exactly) the same place and don't score any points.*

### **Can can't brainstorming**

*Choose one of the cards and take turns brainstorming one positive sentence and one negative sentence about its abilities until one person gives up, e.g. "It can dive but it can't live underwater" for "duck". Continue until someone says something that isn't true or repeats something that was said before in that round about that thing, then give everyone else in the group one point. Then do the same with other cards.*

### **Can can't guessing game**

*Choose one of the cards and look at it but don't show it to your partner(s). Say what that animal can and can't do without saying its name until your partner guesses what you are talking about. If they can't guess, you can give hints without "can" like "It's (usually) yellow" and "It's very big". Your teacher will tell you if you can use the suggested verbs and/ or suggested sentences below.*

### **Designing animals game**

*After you play describing real animals games like those above, take turns describing your own and your partner's imaginary animal/ monster/ Pokémon with similar "can" and "can't" sentences, using both a positive and negative sentence each time. You should try to make your imaginary animal as powerful and interesting as possible, so only make negative sentences about small and unimportant things like "It can't stand on one foot". You want your thing to be better than your partner's, so make positive sentences about small things and negative statements about big things when you describe your partner's animal, such as "It can't stand up" and "It can sleep all day". You can't change what was said earlier.*

*Your teacher will tell you if you should write down and/ or draw what you decide, or if you should just try to remember.*

*When your teacher stops you, someone from another group will judge which person in each group has the best animal.*

**Animal cards**

ant	bat	bee
butterfly	camel	cat
cheetah	cicada	cockroach
cow	crocodile	dog
dolphin	duck	elephant
fish	giraffe	goat
horse	kangaroo	monkey
mosquito	octopus	ostrich
panda	parrot	penguin
pig	rabbit	shark
sheep	snake	spider
tiger	wolf	

**Suggested language for describing the abilities of animals**

You...

It...

A baby/ Babies...

bite

break

buy

carry

catch

change

chew

clean

climb

dig

do tricks

drink

eat

feed

fight (with its horns)

fly

give

have

hear

hide

jump (very far/ very high)

keep

kill

live

make (a loud noise/ eggs/ ink/ many babies)

play

punch

ride

run (quickly)

scratch

see

sing

sleep (upside down)

slide

smell

speak

stand up

stay (underwater)

stop

stroke

swim

use

walk

## **Suggested things to say about the abilities of animals**

*In alphabetical order by animal*

### **Ant**

It can carry a leaf  
It can climb a wall  
It can bite you  
It can't make a loud noise  
It can sometimes fly  
One queen can make so many eggs (millions of eggs)  
It can't swim  
It can live underground  
You can keep it in a fish tank in your house  
It can't live on its own

### **Bat**

It can fly  
It can fly at night  
It can catch flies  
Sometimes it can drink blood  
You can see it flying at night  
It can sleep upside down  
It can "see" by making a noise

### **Bee**

It can make honey  
It can fly  
It can eat from flowers  
It can hurt you  
It can't bite you  
It can kill some people

### **Butterfly**

It can't live for a long time  
It can sometimes fly a long way  
It can make eggs on leaves  
It can't eat leaves  
It can eat from flowers  
You can catch it in a net  
It can't make a loud noise

### **Camel**

You can ride it  
It can live in the desert  
It can walk on sand  
It can carry lots of things  
You can see it in Egypt



### **Cat**

It can clean itself with its tongue  
You can keep it in your house  
You can't take it for a walk  
It can scratch you  
You can stroke it  
You can't give it a bath

### **Cheetah**

It can run quickly  
It can eat a zebra  
It can't eat an elephant  
It can't fight a lion

### **Cicada**

It can make a loud noise  
It can't live in the winter  
It can live in a tree  
You can catch it  
You can hear it in summer  
It can't live in cold countries

### **Cockroach**

It can live in your house  
You can catch it in a trap  
It can climb a wall  
It can fly (but it usually doesn't fly)  
You can kill it with a slipper  
It can run quickly

### **Cow**

You can make leather from it  
You can eat it  
You can drink its milk  
You can make cheese from its milk  
You can make butter from its milk  
You can see it on a farm  
It can fight with its horns  
You can make yoghurt from its milk

### **Crocodile**

It can swim  
It can eat you  
It can hide in a river  
It can eat fish  
It can catch animals



## **Dog**

It can do tricks  
It can smell you  
It can play soccer  
You can keep it in your house  
It can't go into some parks  
It can't use a toilet  
It can stop bad people coming in your house  
It can eat meat  
It can eat bones  
It can't eat chicken bones  
It can make a loud noise  
It can't drink with its lips  
You can stroke it  
You can give it a bath  
You can take it for a walk  
You can eat it (but only people in some countries eat it)  
You can buy big ones and small ones

## **Dolphin**

It can speak with clicks  
It can swim  
It can jump out of the water  
It can fight sharks  
It can catch fish  
You can see it in an aquarium  
It can swim underwater, but it can't stay underwater  
You can swim with it in the sea  
It can do tricks

## **Duck**

You can eat it  
You can eat its eggs  
You can see it in a river  
You can see it in a pond  
It can make a loud noise

## **Elephant**

You can ride it  
It can drink with its nose  
A lion can eat a baby one  
You can make piano keys from it  
You can see it in a zoo  
It can live more than 100 years  
It can carry a lot  
It can break a tree



### **Fish**

You can eat it  
It can't live on land  
You can keep it in the classroom  
You can keep it in a pond  
It can live in the sea  
It can stay underwater  
It can make many eggs  
You can eat its eggs

### **Giraffe**

It can eat leaves from a tall tree  
A baby can stand up and run

### **Goat**

It can eat many different things  
It can eat clothes  
It can fight with its horns  
You can make cheese from its milk  
You can drink its milk (but it isn't so yummy)

### **Horse**

You can ride it  
It can run quickly  
It can jump  
It can kick  
You can feed it

### **Kangaroo**

It can keep its baby in its pocket  
It can jump (very far)  
It can punch  
It can live in hot places  
It can't fly  
It can eat grass  
It can't eat meat  
A baby can't walk

### **Monkey**

It can carry its baby  
It can climb a tree  
It can take your camera  
You can see it in a zoo  
You can see it in a temple in Thailand  
You can see it in a hot spring in Japan  
You can see it in Gibraltar  
It can climb into your house



### **Mosquito**

It can drink your blood  
It can fly at night  
It can't live in cold places  
It can make a noise when it flies  
It can fly  
It can make eggs in water  
It can give you malaria

### **Octopus**

It can make ink  
It can live underwater  
It can change colour  
You can eat it  
A big one can fight a whale

### **Ostrich**

It's a bird but it can't fly  
It can run quickly  
It can make really big eggs  
You can eat it, but you can't buy it in a supermarket

### **Panda**

It can stand up  
It can climb a tree  
It can't eat grass  
It can only eat bamboo  
It can only live in China (in the wild)  
You can see it in the zoo  
It can't eat you  
Babies can't walk

### **Parrot**

It can speak English  
It can live in your house  
It can eat nuts  
It can eat fruit  
It can fly  
It can bite you  
It can make eggs  
It can climb a tree  
It can live in a cage





### **Penguin**

It can live in cold places  
It's a bird but it can't fly  
It can only make one egg  
It can't sing  
It can't walk quickly  
It can slide on the ice  
It can swim (very quickly)  
It can eat fish  
A sea lion can eat it  
You can eat it, but it's not tasty

### **Pig**

You can eat it  
You can make ham from it  
It can eat old fruit and vegetables  
It can live in this country  
A small one can be a pet  
It can make many babies  
It can get very fat  
It can get very heavy  
It can't eat you

### **Rabbit**

It can dig  
You can have it as a pet  
It can jump  
It can run fast  
It can make many babies  
You can eat it (but people don't usually eat it)  
A dog can sometimes catch it  
It can't climb a tree  
It can sometimes change colour to white in the winter

### **Shark**

It can eat you  
It can catch fish  
It can smell blood  
It can't live outside the water  
It can live underwater

### **Sheep**

You make cheese from its milk  
You make a sweater from its hair  
You can see it in England  
You can eat it  
It can drink milk from a baby bottle

**Snake**

It can't walk  
It can't fly  
It can climb a tree  
It can bite you  
It can't chew  
It can catch animals  
It can't run

**Spider**

It can climb a wall  
It can catch flies  
It can bite you  
It can't eat you  
It's a bug but it can't fly

**Tiger**

It can catch a deer  
It can eat you  
You can see it in India  
You can see it in a zoo  
It can hide in the forest

**Wolf**

It can make a very loud noise  
It can eat you  
It can live in a forest