

Can't – vs – Don't (1)

Can't is something that is **not your choice** or is impossible.

You **can't** swim across the ocean! (*It is impossible*)

Sorry, but I **can't** hear you. Please speak louder.

Don't is something that is **your choice**, but you choose not to do.

Bob **doesn't** eat spicy food. (*His choice. Maybe he hates it.*)

I **don't** live in California because I worry about earthquakes.

Put **can't** or **don't/doesn't** in the spaces below:

**Sometimes both will be OK to use!*

1. I'm a vegetarian, so I _____ eat meat.
2. Frank _____ take the medicine because he is allergic to it.
3. Kim _____ go to the movies because she has no money.
4. Whiskey tastes bad, so I _____ drink it at all.
5. A typhoon is coming, so we _____ have our picnic this weekend.
6. Bob is so full now after dinner that he _____ eat any more food.
7. Timmy is a serious boy and he _____ play video games at all.
8. I _____ go skydiving because it looks way too dangerous.
9. Jenny _____ have her birthday party because she has the flu.
10. Scuba diving looks fun, but I _____ do it because of my serious ear problem.
11. Most foreigners who come to Asia _____ read the Chinese characters and have a hard time getting around.
12. Betty _____ swim. She never learned, so she _____ go to the beach.
13. Greg loves Disneyland, but _____ go because it's too crowded for him.
14. Jeremy _____ play rugby. It's too violent.
15. Hurry up! If we miss our flight we _____ go to Hawaii!
16. I am not interested in movies or dramas, so I _____ watch TV.
17. Amy keeps looking everywhere, but _____ find her car keys anywhere.
18. Shelly _____ eat oysters because they are too expensive.
19. Mary is moving to Spain for work, but she _____ speak any Spanish.
20. Without his glasses, Charlie _____ see anything, and he _____ like to wear contact lenses.