

Can't – vs – Don't (2)

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

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

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.*)

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

**Sometimes both will be OK to use!*

1. We _____ have pets here. The building manager said no pets allowed.
2. Wendy really hates fish, so she _____ eat sushi.
3. The trains **were** stopped, so I _____ get home. (***were** is a past tense hint)
4. Kevin is allergic to shellfish and _____ eat oysters. He also _____ even eat shrimp.
5. Barb and Kim _____ like horror movies at all. They love comedies.
6. The hotel TV was broken, so we _____ watch anything at night.
7. Terry is afraid of sharks, so she _____ swim in the ocean.
8. Nathan _____ ever clean his house because he is too lazy.
9. I forgot my keys at home and _____ unlock the door to my office.
10. Hank _____ swim. He never learned.
11. The test was so difficult that most of the students _____ pass it.
12. Larry broke his leg, so he _____ play soccer for 2 months.
13. I _____ have enough money to buy the new iPhone 25. It's so expensive!
14. Pam spent all day watching the Olympics and _____ do the laundry. Now she _____ wear her favorite shirt tomorrow.
15. It was really cold and rainy, so we _____ play outside today.
16. I was lazy and _____ go to the gym this weekend and I _____ go last weekend because I was very sick. I'll be so sad if I _____ go next weekend!
17. Mom is mad because I played video games and _____ do my homework.
18. Steve's wife is too busy and _____ cook dinner every night. Steve _____ know how to cook, so they just order delivery food every night.
19. I wanted to go to the music festival, but I _____ get tickets. Too bad.
20. Ed forgot his wife's birthday and _____ buy her a birthday present. Oops.