Dear Educators,

With temperatures rising and summer approaching, it’s time to explore the great outdoors! What can you do in the mountains? What can you do in the desert? What can you do at the beach? Use this special lesson to discuss summer activities and review the modal can.

Sincerely,
The Grammar Gallery Team
**Modal: can**

A modal or modal auxiliary is a helping verb. We use the modal auxiliary *can* to express **ability**.

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**Can** you hike in the mountains?  **You can** hike in the mountains.

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**Can** you swim in the desert?  **You cannot/can’t** swim in the desert.
DIRECTIONS: Create a question and an answer about each picture. Include the modal can in each question.

Example:

Can you find shells at the beach?

Yes, you can find shells at the beach.
THE GREAT OUTDOORS LESSON

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DIRECTIONS: Write a question or statement about each picture. Include can, cannot, or can’t in each question or statement.

Example:
You can relax at a park.

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