

# Did You Know It?

**Check out these explanations!**

**Two of the most common uses of the word *can* are:**

- To name a metal container usually shaped like a cylinder used to keep food, drinks, and other things. *e.g. Two **can**s of soda.*
- To express that we know how to do some activity (therefore used before a verb).  
*e.g. He **can** swim well.*

**Could you find another use for the word *can*?**

---

**Remember** Not all *nouns* end in *s* when they are used in plural form:

- These nouns are only added an *s* to be used in plural form.  
cat-cats    brother-brothers    time-times    computer-computers
- These nouns are added *es* to be used in plural form.  
bus-buses    match-matches    lunch-lunches    circus-circuses
- These nouns not necessarily end in *s* or *es*.  
ox-oxen    person-people    garlic-garlic    woman-women

# Did You Know It?

**For the following section, *You have talent*, it is useful to know the definition of *modal* to understand how to use *can*.**

A *modal* is a special verb because it behaves differently from other verbs in English. As you advance in this section, you will learn how a modal includes certain grammatical properties that other ordinary verbs do not.

It is also necessary for you to know what an *adverb* is. An adverb normally qualifies the meaning of another word, like a verb or adjective. In this concrete case, adverbs answer the questions how? and in what way?

Get ready for the exercises