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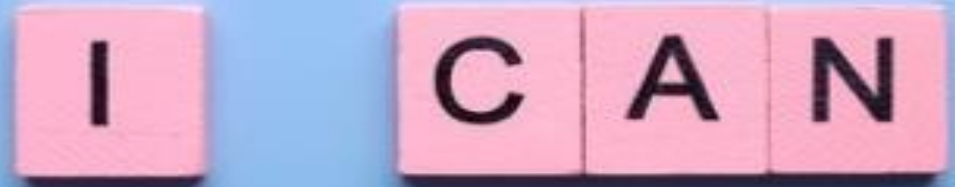


parler francais

What is a verb?

Je peux... (I can...) will always be followed by a **verb**. To remind you, a verb is a *doing* or *action* word.

For example, 'Je peux danser' is 'I can dance'.
Dance is the verb because it is what *action* you are doing!



Key Vocabulary – I can...

Je peux	I am able to
chanter	sing
cuisiner	cook
sauter	jump
parler francais	talk French
dessiner	paint
nager	swim
faire du velo	ride a bicycle
patiner	skate
jouer d'un instrument	play an instrument
danser	dance



Modal Verb Plus Infinitive

Did you know that **je peux** (that comes from the modal verb **pouvoir** and translates 'to be able / can') is ALWAYS followed by a verb in its infinitive form in French.

For example:

'**Je vais pouvoir...**' is 'I am going to be able to...' but in the present tense we could say '**Je peux** is **I can**'

Expanding our learning with other phrases...

The phrases below show you how the language changes depending on **who** you are talking about. We are not going to be looking at this in the unit of learning, but it's always a way to expand your knowledge! Can you use them?

Je peux...

I can



Tu peux...

You can



Il peut...

He can



Elle peut...

She can



Nous pouvons...

We can

Vous pouvez...

You are able

Ils peuvent...

They are able (m)

Elles peuvent...

They are able (f)

French Phonic Sounds

OI sound in boire

OI sounds like '**WA**' like **croissant**

OU sound in écouter

OU sounds like '**OO**' like zoo or soon

CH sound in chanter

CH sounds like '**SH**' like ship or mesh



Silent Letters and Nasal Sounds

'X' is one of the 6 most commonly silent consonants in French. The 'x' in **peux** is therefore not pronounced.

Exploring the four French nasal sounds (**on**, **un**, **in** and **an**). This sound does not exist in English and is made through the nose not the mouth! Words like **danser**, **chanter** and **manger**.

Say it through the



and not the

