Can I take it on the plane?

Reading + Grammar: *can / can't* for rules

1 KEY VOCABULARY

hand luggage	*n.*	equipaje de mano
hold luggage	*n.*	equipaje de bodega
security	*n.*	control de seguridad
allowed	*adj.*	permitido
scissors	*n.*	tijeras
umbrella	*n.*	paraguas
passport	*n.*	pasaporte
wallet	*n.*	billetera
charger	*n.*	cargador
trip	*n.*	viaje

2 USEFUL PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS

- **Can I take an umbrella?** → *¿Puedo llevar un paraguas?*
- **Yes, you can. / No, you can't.** → *Sí, puedes. / No, no puedes.*
- **It's allowed in hand luggage.** → *Está permitido en el equipaje de mano.*
- **It's not allowed.** → *No está permitido.*
- **Where is security?** → *¿Dónde está el control de seguridad?*
- **Here's my passport.** → *Aquí está mi pasaporte.*

3 THE KEY POINT

Use **can** / **can't** + verb (no *to*) to talk about rules: what is allowed and what is not allowed. It is the same for all persons.

+ You **can** take a phone charger in your hand luggage.
– You **can't** take fireworks on a plane.
? **Can** I take scissors? – Yes, you **can**. / No, you **can't**.

4 QUICK PRACTICE

Choose the correct option.

1. You (cans / can) take your wallet on the plane.
2. She can (take / to take) an umbrella.
3. (I can / Can I) take this bag?
4. You can't (takes / take) fireworks.

5 ANSWERS & EXPLANATION

Answers: 1 can · 2 take · 3 Can I · 4 take

Can never changes (no -s) and the next verb has no *to* and no -s. In questions, **can** goes before the subject: *Can I...?*

6 EVERYDAY LIFE INSIGHT

★ **Check before you fly**

Airport rules can be different in each country. Before a trip, check the official airport or government website to know what you can take in your hand luggage.

Today's resource: Hand luggage restrictions at UK airports: Personal items (GOV.UK) · https://www.gov.uk/hand-luggage-restrictions/personal-items

> *A good trip starts before the airport: check the rules, pack light, fly easy.*



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