

## 2. 文法

1. The word “can” can take on different meanings:

(一) You can cook

解析：“Can” expresses the notion of ability.

例句：People can use lotus plants to cook various dishes.

(二) So we can think of the lotus as . . . .

解析：Here “can” means “may possibly” think. . . .

例句：We can think of the lotus as a spiritual symbol, but we can also think of it as a kind of food or medicine.

(三) Native speakers may use “imagine” as a substitute for “can think of.”

例句：I can imagine the lotus flower as a decoration on a platter of food, or as a beautiful ornament on a girl’s hair.

(四) When we add “-ing” to “cook,” we may use a slang phrase, followed by “What’s” as a question.

例句：What’s cooking?

“What’s cooking?” means, “What is happening here?” Students should be careful to use this slang expression only in casual situations.

## 2. Keep that in mind

解析：This is a gentle command, and simply means “Remember.” When giving a command, the subject “you” is often omitted and the sentence begins with a verb (the base form).

例句：A mother may remind her college student son of his responsibility to study hard.

She might say, “You have examinations next week, so keep that in mind when you plan your weekend activities.”

