

CAN/COULD-PRESENT/PAST (2)

1

Fill in the blanks with **can**, **could**, **can't**, **couldn't** :
(Sometimes more than one option is possible)

- My students _____ come as it was a holiday.
- Peter _____ play tennis well when he was eight.
- Susan _____ come as she has too many tasks to finish.
- Some of my friends _____ help if I ask them.
- I _____ swim when I was three.
- My mother _____ sing well when she was little.
- He _____ cook really well now, but he _____ cook anything when he was younger.
- _____ you speak any foreign languages?
- I'm afraid I _____ come to you tomorrow as I have so many things to finish before the weekend.
- I looked everywhere for the notebook, but I _____ find it.
- I _____ drink lots of coffee when I was a student.
- Sorry, but I _____ come to the party next week.
- I think I _____ pass the last exam as I've been learning enough.
- My friends _____ eat what I prepared for them as it was not enough good for them.
- My grandmother _____ play the piano very well when she was younger.
- We _____ win the match as we didn't have any chance.
- _____ you speak a bit louder? I _____ hear you well.
- I _____ run very fast when I was in high school.
- I _____ speak several languages, what about you?
- A cat _____ climb a tree, but it _____ fly.
- My brother _____ play football like a professional.
- My son is one year old. He _____ speak yet.
- I _____ fix computers. I'm not a programmer nor skilled at fixing computers.
- A dog _____ bark and it _____ run fast too.
- David _____ cry for hours when he was a baby.
- We _____ come as our car was broken.
- We _____ stay in my house or in a hotel.
- You _____ go by a truck or by a car.
- I _____ drink lots of coffee when I was a student.
- Susan had failed the exam and _____ come to the party.

CAN / CAN'T - FOR ABILITY IN PRESENT

COULD / COULDN'T - FOR ABILITY IN PAST



- She can sing really well.
- She can't cook.
- She could play the guitar when she was five.
- She couldn't understand what I was telling her.

NOTE!

COULD cannot be used for particular abilities in the past: She could do her homework as she had enough time.

2

Drill: Use whether **can**, **could**, **can't**, **couldn't** in all sentences. Only one of them is possible in all sentences:

- You _____ drive a car or a truck.
- A dog _____ run fast and it _____ bark a lot too.
- We _____ attend a class or go to a cafe.
- I _____ cook really well.
- My brother _____ play computer games for hours.
- My friend _____ eat 10 apples within minutes.
- Some animals _____ run really fast.
- David _____ sing very well.
- If you want, we _____ go for a walk so you'll feel much better afterwards. What do you think about the idea?
- You _____ come to my house and have some rest.
- A bird _____ fly and it _____ be very fast.
- Susan _____ come to our house.

