

GRAMMAR

USE CONTRACTIONS ()

Ability, possibility and obligation: *could, can / can't, have to / don't have to*

1 Complete the sentences. Use *can* or *can't* and the verb in brackets.

- Ruby can't swim (swim). She's afraid of water.
- My parents _____ (ride) a bike. They go cycling in the mountains.
- Mark and Karen _____ (surf). They take their boards to the beach every weekend.
- I _____ (skateboard). I tried it once, but I fell off all the time. I didn't enjoy it.
- Lily _____ (run) very fast. She won a competition last month.
- William _____ (play) tennis. He started lessons when he was just six years old.

2 Make questions with *can*. Then complete the short answers.

- Mark / play / volleyball / ?
Can Mark play volleyball?
Yes, he can.
- you / do / gymnastics / ?
No, _____.
- your sister / ski / ?
Yes, _____.
- Amelia and Eve / swim / ?
Yes, _____.
- Max / ride / bike / ?
No, _____.
- your parents / skateboard / ?
No, _____.

3 Complete the sentences with *can, can't, could* or *couldn't*.

Harriet: I remember the first time I went surfing. I

1) couldn't stay on the board!

2) _____ you surf?

Ben: Yes, I 3) _____. I go surfing with my brothers in the summer.

Jane: 4) _____ you play tennis when you were five?

Liam: No, I 5) _____, but I learnt to play when I was seven.

Dean: 6) _____ you ski, Nick?

Nick: No, I 7) _____, but I'm going for the first time this December. I 8) _____ skateboard so I think it will be easy to learn.

4 Complete the text with the best answer, A, B or C, for each space.

Racing Club

Tuesdays, 4.30 p.m. @ the race track

1) _____ you ride a bike? Do you enjoy cycling 2) _____? Then why not join our club?

You 3) _____ wear special clothing, just something warm and some trainers.

You 4) _____ wear a helmet because it

5) _____ be dangerous.

Racing club is £3 a week but you

6) _____ come the first week for free.

We hope to see you soon!

*You 7) _____ be over 14 years old to join the club.

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| 1 A Could | B Can | C Can't |
| 2 A fast | B faster | C fastest |
| 3 A don't have to | B didn't have to | C doesn't have to |
| 4 A had to | B has to | C have to |
| 5 A can | B can't | C couldn't |
| 6 A can't | B couldn't | C can |
| 7 A have to | B has to | C had to |

5 Complete the sentences with *have to/has to* or *don't have to/doesn't have to*.

- 1 Rebecca has to wear a helmet when she goes horse-riding.
- 2 You _____ wear goggles when you go skiing, but it's a good idea.
- 3 Tom _____ miss basketball practice today because he's ill.
- 4 We _____ do gymnastics at school, but I choose to do it.
- 5 Sometimes they _____ finish tennis matches early because of rain.
- 6 Mathew and Clara _____ cycle to school because their mum doesn't have a car.

6 Match the questions (1–6) with the answers (A–F).

- 1 Do we have to wear goggles in the pool? F
 - 2 Did Aaron have to play in the basketball match?
 - 3 Does everyone have to wear a cycling helmet?
 - 4 Can your mum ski well?
 - 5 Do I have to wear trainers for judo?
 - 6 Could Mark kiteboard last summer?
- A Yes, he did. The team captain was sick.
 B Yes, she can. She won lots of skiing competitions when she was young.
 C No, you don't. You don't wear anything on your feet.
 D Yes, they do. It can be dangerous when they're cycling very fast.
 E No, he couldn't. He only learnt to do it this year.
 F No, you don't have to, but the water can make your eyes red.



7 Complete the text with one word in each space.

Local girl number 1 in gymnastics competition!

Samantha Combe is a very happy 14-year-old. Yesterday, she won a national gymnastics competition. She 1) had to practise very hard for the competition. Every day she had to 2) _____ four hours of gymnastics. She didn't have 3) _____ go far to practise – Samantha lives next door to the gym! The competition was very difficult and she 4) _____ to beat ten other girls to win first prize. Today Samantha is relaxing at home with a DVD. She 5) _____ have to practise for a few days so she 6) _____ have a rest!

Adverbs

8 Complete the sentences with adverbs formed from the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 He plays tennis well . (good)
- 2 Clare runs _____ . (fast)
- 3 David always arrives _____ . (late)
- 4 I play football _____ . (bad)
- 5 She won the race _____ . (easy)
- 6 She climbed up the mountain _____ . (slow)