

COULD & COULDN'T

1. Read the table.

can: past simple (affirmative & negative)			
I / You / He / She / We / They	could couldn't	take photos. hear the music. play the guitar.	
can: past simple (questions & short answers)			
Could	I / you / he / she / we / they	take photos? hear the music?	Yes, I / you / he / she / we / they could . No, I / you / he / she / we / they couldn't .

2. Read the sentences and say true or false.

Learn to learn

True or false?

1 We use *can/can't* to talk about things now.

2 We use *could/couldn't* to talk about things that happened in the past.



TRUE

FALSE

TRUE

FALSE

3. Write sentences **IN PAST**.

- Ben can hear the music.
- I can take photos with my mobile phone.
- Can you use the microphone?
- We can't see the band.
- Tara can't play the guitar.
- Can they go backstage?

Ben could hear the music.

4. Read the dialogue. Look at the table and answer the questions.



	 Play the guitar	 Play the drums	 Sing	 Dance
Anna 	✓	X	X	X
Becky 	X	✓	X	✓
Clare 	✓	X	X	✓
Dee 	X	✓	✓	X

1. Could Anna play the guitar? _____
2. Could Becky play the drums? _____
3. Could Clare sing? _____
4. Could Dee dance? _____

Now, listen and say who the person is.



Anna 

Becky 

Clare 

Dee 



Anna 

Becky 

Clare 

Dee 



Anna 

Becky 

Clare 

Dee 



Anna 

Becky 

Clare 

Dee 