

# CAN AND COULD

**Remember:** We use **can** to talk about an **ability in the present** and we use **could** to talk about an **ability in the past**.

AFFIRMATIVE:	I can use the internet	I could use the tablet.
NEGATIVE:	She can't go out	She couldn't go out
QUESTION:	Can they go to the toilet?	Could they videogames?



**Read the sentences and complete the gaps with the correct form of can and could.**  
**The answers can be in affirmative and in negative.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT) go to the party **last night** because I **was** sick.
2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ Noel cook Italian food? B: Yes, he \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT) swim **last year**, but **now** she \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT) go shopping **yesterday** because the store was **closed**.
5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you read when you **were four years old**? B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ellie \_\_\_\_\_ ride a bicycle. She rides it to school **every day**.
7. I'm very tired, so I \_\_\_\_\_ go out to the park to play.
8. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you see the moon **last night**? B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT).
9. Most dinosaurs **walked** on land, but some \_\_\_\_\_ fly or even swim.
10. Excuse me, I \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT) hear you **right now**. The music is too loud.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ drive a truck when I was only **sixteen years old**.
12. How many hot dogs \_\_\_\_\_ you eat at one time?
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT) read without my reading glasses. Where are they?

