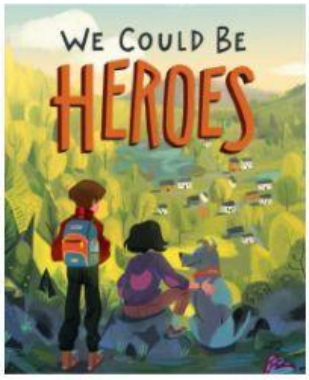
could (do) and could have (done)

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could (do) – possible in present or future

- *Maybe I could stay with Sarah when I go to Paris.* (less sure than can)
- *We could go to the cinema.* (suggestion)
- *I'm so tired, I could sleep for a week.* (not realistic action)



could have (done) – was possible in the past

- *I was so tired, I could have slept for a week.*

could't (do) = would not be possible in present or future

- *I couldn't live in a big city. I would hate it.*

could't have (done) = would not have been possible in past

- *We had a really good holiday. It couldn't have been better.*

1 Which goes with which?

1	What shall we eat tonight?	a	We could go away somewhere.
2	I need to phone Vicky sometime.	b	You could give her a book.
3	What shall I get Ann for her birthday?	c	~~We could have fish.~~
4	Where shall we put this picture?	d	You could wear your brown suit.
5	What would you like to do at the weekend?	e	You could do it now.
6	I don't know what to wear to the wedding.	f	We could hang it in the kitchen.

2 Put in can or could.

1 This is a wonderful place. I could stay here forever.
2 I'm so angry with him. I _____ kill him!
3 I _____ hear a strange noise. What is it?
4 It's so nice here. I _____ sit here all day but unfortunately I have to go.
5 I _____ understand your point of view, but I don't agree with you.
6 Peter is a keen musician. He plays the flute and he _____ also play the piano.
7 The company Amy works for isn't doing well. She _____ lose her job.
8 Some people are unlucky. Life _____ be very unfair.
9 I've been really stupid. I _____ kick myself.
10 Be careful climbing that tree. You _____ fall.

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3 Complete the sentences. Choose from:

gone	could be	could come	could sleep
have moved	could have	could have come	could have been

1 A: Are you tired?
B: Yes, very tired. I feel as if I could sleep for a week.
2 A: I spent a very boring evening at home yesterday.
B: Why did you stay at home? You ..... out with us.
3 A: Shall I open this letter?
B: Yes. It ..... important.
4 A: How was your exam? Was it difficult?
B: It wasn't so bad. It ..... worse.
5 A: I got very wet walking home in the rain.
B: Why did you walk? You ..... taken a taxi.
6 A: Where shall we meet tomorrow?
B: Well, I ..... to your office if you like.
7 A: Does Tom still live in the same place?
B: I'm not sure. He could ..... .
8 A: Did you go to university?
B: No. I could have ....., but I didn't want to.

4 Complete the sentences. Use couldn't or couldn't have + these verbs (in the correct form):

afford	be	be	live	manage	stand	study	wear

1 I couldn't live in a big city. I'd hate it.
2 We had a really good holiday. It couldn't have been better.
3 I ..... that hat. People would laugh at me.
4 You helped me a lot. I ..... without you.
5 The staff at the hotel were really good. They ..... more helpful.
6 There's no way we could buy a car now. We ..... it.
7 Jack prepared for the exam as well as he could. He ..... harder.
8 I wouldn't like to live near the motorway. I ..... the noise of the traffic.

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