PERMISSION: CAN, COULD

We use **can / can´t + base form** to talk about permission in the present.
We use **could / couldn´t + base form** to talk about permission in the past.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

You ***can't*** / *couldn't* come into the bathroom. I'm taking a shower

1. 1- In the test last week, we *can / couldn't* ask any questions.
2. 2- I *can / could* go to the party this evening.
3. 3- We *can´t / couldn't* watch the movie last night.
4. 4- I *can / could* wear my sister´s jacket when she didn´t need it.
5. 5- The children *can / could* have some of Grandpa´s birthday cake this afternoon.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH *CAN, CAN'T, COULD, OR COULDN'T*, AND THE VERB IN BRACKETS.

You can´t leave school. You´re only 13! (leave)

1. 1- I´m sorry, but you _____ your presentation today. (give)
2. 2- I liked rainy school days because we _____ in the classrooms. (play)
3. 3- You _____ your dog on vacation with you. The hotel welcome pets! (go)
4. 4- I _____ to the beach yesterday because my aunt was visiting. (go)
5. 5- My brother _____ into my bedroom when I'm studying because he´s too noisy. (come)

PERMISSION: BE ALLOWED TO

We use **am / is / are allowed to** to talk about permission in the present. *"I'm allowed to study with friends".*
We use **was / were allowed to** to talk about permission in the past. *"When we were little, we weren't allowed to play video games every day".*
We use **will / won´t be allowed to** to talk about permission in the future. *"He won't be allowed to have a party this summer".*

FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKES IN THESE SENTENCES. Write the whole sentence.

"In tomorrow's test, the students won´t allowed to use dictionaries".
→ In tomorrow's test, the students won´t be allowed to use dictionaries.

1. We wasn't allowed to play outside yesterday
   _____
2. When I'm older, I'm allowed to buy a car.
   _____
3. Children are not allowed run in the school building.
   _____

4. The dog doesn't allowed to lie on the sofa.
   _____
5. It's Friday today, so you allowed to stay up late.
   _____

COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO IT MEANS THE SAME AS THE FIRST. USE THE CORRECT FORM OF "BE ALLOWED TO".

"You can't make any mistakes. The teacher gets angry!"

→ "You aren't allowed to make any mistakes".

1. I couldn't borrow my sister's dress for the party. I _____ borrow my sister's dress for the party.
2. Jenny hopes she can go on vacation with her friends this summer.
   Jenny hopes she _____ go on vacation with her friends this summer.
3. We can't eat our lunches in the classroom.
   We _____ eat our lunches in the classroom.
4. The teacher won't let you do your homework tomorrow. She's expecting it today.
   You _____ do your homework tonight.

ABILITY: CAN, COULD, BE ABLE TO

To express ABILITY, we can just use **CAN for the present** and **COULD for the past**: "Mike can play the piano very well" / "I could play the guitar when I was a child"
To express ABILITY **IN ALL TENSES, we can use BE ABLE TO**:
"I will be able to play the piano in two years if I practice a lot", "They have been able to communicate with their parents these days".

1. Do you think we ..... park over here?

2. He ..... to do that exercise, it is too difficult.

3. He ..... help me if I had a ladder.

4. Michael is very proud to ..... play in a jazz-band.

5. ..... you taste the garlic in this stew?

6. Look at that sign! You ..... walk on the grass.

7. ..... you understand what he said?

8. If you lent me that spanner, I ..... fix it.

9. I don't think he ..... to win the next competition.

10. Listen! We ..... hear a train in the distance.