

can. could. be allowed to

To talk about permission, we use:

CAN / CAN'T in the present

COULD / COULDN'T in the past

(NOT) BE ALLOWED TO in the present and in the past

Exercise 4 Complete each gap with one word

Now that I'm 15, I _____ go out more than I _____ when I was younger. Two years ago, I _____ go to a party because it finished late, but now I _____ allowed to stay out later. Last Saturday I _____ allowed to stay at a friend's house until 11 p.m.! However, Can't I still _____ come back on my own and I have to wait for Dad to pick me up.

Exercise 5 Fill the blank correctly

1. When I was younger, I _____ allowed to use the computer.
2. I hope I _____ sleep over at my friend's this weekend.
3. We _____ use a dictionary in last week's English exam.
4. My brother is only eight, so he _____ allowed to go out on his own.
5. Girls _____ allowed to wear trousers to school now.
6. Last year I _____ hang out with my friends in town.