

COULD AND COULDN'T

1. rewrite the sentences in the past simple

- 1) you can use my bed you could use my bed
- 2) Melissa can't sing tomorrow.....Melissa couldn't sing tomorrow
- 3) can you make lunch?..... could you make lunch?
- 4) they can win that ball.....they could win that ball

2. look at the table and complete the sentences with could or couldn't

| | Juan | Alejandro |
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| Play soccer | × | ✓ |
| Driver car | ✓ | × |
| ride a horse | ✓ | × |
| work in the afternoon | × | ✓ |

- 1) Juan couldn't play soccer but Alejandro could
- 2) Juan could drive a car but Alejandro couldn't.
- 3) Alejandro couldn't ride a horse but Juan could
- 4) Juan couldn't work in the afternoon but Alejandro could

3. Complete the paragraph with could or couldn't

When I was a child, I could spend hours playing in the backyard without a care in the world. I could climb trees, and I could even build small forts out of sticks and leaves. However, I couldn't stay out after dark because my parents worried about my safety. I couldn't play video games during the week, as my parents believed they could distract me from my studies. Despite these rules, I couldn't have asked for a happier childhood. I could always find something fun to do, and I couldn't imagine growing up any other way.