

4 could (possibility)



Language focus

Use **could** to talk about an action that is possible now or in the future. After **could**, use the **infinitive without to**.

We **could win** the Cup this year not ~~We could to win the Cup this year.~~

We often use **could** to make a suggestion about something to do, often in response to a question beginning with **Shall we ... ?**

Shall we go to the cinema tonight? Good idea. We **could see** the new Spider-Man film.

1 Are the sentences correct or incorrect? Correct the sentences you think are wrong.

1 We could has chicken salad for dinner tonight.

Incorrect We could have chicken salad for dinner tonight.

2 We could go to see the match on Sunday.

3 Jon's good at playing the guitar. He could joins a band one day.

4 If we go to Bilbao, we could visiting the Guggenheim Museum.

5 Sue's brilliant at basketball. She could play professionally.

6 We could goes to the theatre this weekend. My sister is acting in a play!

2 Complete the dialogues with the words from the box.

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- 1 Harriet** What shall we do tonight?
Anita We could go to the cinema.
Harriet I'm not keen, to be honest. There's nothing on.
- 2 Moshin** What do you want to do?
Daniel We could _____ swimming.
Moshin Great idea!
- 3 Toni** What shall we do?
Kate We could _____ the football.
Toni Oh, I think it's already started.
- 4 Cathy** What do you want to eat tonight?
Paul We could _____ a pizza.
Cathy OK! Let's go to the supermarket and get what we need.
- 5 Arturo** What shall we do on Saturday?
Bill We _____ stay home and play video games.
Arturo All right. Do you have any good ones?
- 6 Alina** Any _____ ?
Bobby We could watch the gymnastics on TV.
Alina OK. I think it starts in ten minutes' time.

3 Complete the sentences using *could*.

- 1** Zack enjoys sport and watching TV. He could watch the tennis _____.
- 2** Elizabeth's favourite things are exercising and seeing her friends. She _____.
- 3** Tomas likes meeting new people. He _____.
- 4** Mila is interested in painting. He _____.
- 5** Anna enjoys drinking coffee with friends. She _____.
- 6** Toby loves films. He _____.