



## Week #2

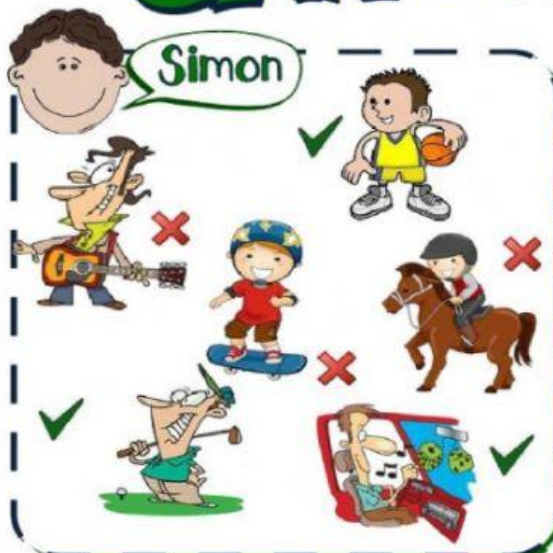
**Annex 1:** Let's study **can** and **could** by watching some videos and study written explanation.

|  <b>Modals – CAN, COULD</b>                            |                                                                                                                                                            |
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| CAN                                                                                                                                      | COULD                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Ability</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Ability</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>can</b> speak three languages.</li> <li>She <b>can</b> play the piano.</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>could</b> play a guitar when I was a child.</li> <li>I <b>could</b> smell something burning.</li> </ul>        |
| <b>Offer</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>Suggestion</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Can</b> I help you?</li> <li>I <b>can</b> send this letter for you.</li> </ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <b>could</b> help you with Spanish.</li> <li>They <b>could</b> go to the movies if you are interested.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Possibility</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>Possibility</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoking <b>can</b> cause cancer.</li> <li>It <b>can</b> get very hot there these days.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A lot of crime <b>could</b> be prevented.</li> <li>You <b>could</b> have called first.</li> </ul>                   |
| <b>Request</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Request</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Can</b> you hand me the pencil?</li> <li><b>Can</b> I go to the park?</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Could</b> you hand me the pencil?</li> <li><b>Could</b> I go to the park?</li> </ul>                             |
| <b>Permission</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>Permission</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Can</b> I borrow your notebook?</li> <li><b>Can</b> I speak to Mary?</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Could</b> I borrow your notebook?</li> <li><b>Could</b> I speak to Mary?</li> </ul>                              |

More videos about  
can and could.

Exercise #1: Follow instructions in the page below.

# CAN OR CAN'T



**A) Complete the sentences with can or can't.**

1. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ play the guitar.
2. Simon \_\_\_\_\_ drive.
3. Rosy and Dave \_\_\_\_\_ swim.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ play tennis.
5. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ paint.
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ ski.
7. Simon \_\_\_\_\_ ride a horse.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ skateboard.

**B) Write true (T) or false (F).**

- 1) Dave and Rosy can't ride a bike. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Sarah can paint pictures. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Simon can ride a horse. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Simon and Sarah can't play the guitar. \_\_\_\_\_







# Can and Could.

**Exercise #2: Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.**

1. I know how to speak English and German. I... speak two languages  
a) can't  
b) can  
c) could
2. (A) Can he swim?  
(B) Yes, he...  
a) can  
b) could  
c) can't
3. I don't know where to park my car. Where... my car?  
a) can park  
b) I can park  
c) can I park
4. I don't understand this math problem. Can he... me?  
a) helps  
b) help  
c) helping
5. He... run very fast last year, but now he can.  
a) couldn't  
b) can  
c) can't
6. (A) Do you think that they can cook well?  
(B) Yes, I...  
a) am  
b) can  
c) do
- 7....find some information about travelling in Europe?  
a) Where can I  
b) Where I can  
c) Where can I
- 8) I was late for class last Thursday because I ...start my car.  
a) couldn't  
b) can't  
c) could
9. I need someone to teach my class ....you....my class?  
a) Can / teach  
b) Could / teaches  
c) Can / teaching
10. I'm very sorry, but I don't think I ...you.  
a) can help  
b) couldn't help  
c) can't help
11. The company is looking for a person who ...  
a) can't work hard  
b) can work hard  
c) couldn't work hard
12. (A) Can she...?  
(B) No, she can't right now.  
a) answers the phone  
b) answer the phone  
c) answering the phone



## Can, could and would for invitations, offers, requests and permission

**Exercise #3 - Choose one option to complete blank spaces accurately.**

### CHINESE NEW YEAR

**Daisy:** Wow, it's cold out there! You're home early. Are you alright?

**Oliver:** Never better ... Hey, you 1) \_\_\_\_\_ pass me that plate, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ you? Please?

a) couldn't

a) could

b) could you

b) can't Liz

c) can I

c) may you

Thanks. But the heating at college broke down this morning, so when our accountancy lecturer said "Ladies and gentlemen, would you like a free afternoon to study at home?" Well, it was an offer we

3) \_\_\_\_\_ refuse really. It was freezing!

a) can

b) couldn't

c) not refuse

**Daisy:** Well, I see you've been busy. What is it? 4) \_\_\_\_\_ I have a taste?

a) Can

b) Could

c) Should

**Oliver:** Yes, of course you 5) \_\_\_\_\_! Here. What do you think?

a) cannot

b) can

c) couldn't

**Daisy:** Mmmm. Wow, that's really good soup, there, big brother. What is it?

**Oliver:** It's a country recipe. I found it in one of Gran's old cookery books. But I've made a lot. Why don't you call Amy? You 6) \_\_\_\_\_ ask her round for dinner, if you like. There's more than

a) should

b) can

c) cannot

enough. I've made bread too, look.

**Daisy:** You are one amazing brother!



**Oliver:** I know. Now go and phone.

**Daisy:** Amy? Oh, hi, Mrs Hao. 7) \_\_\_\_\_ I speak to Amy, please? ... Thank you ... Amy?

- a) Could
- b) Can
- c) Must

It's Daisy.

**Amy:** Hi! What's up?

**Daisy:** Would you like to come to our house for dinner?

**Amy:** Ah, yes, that would be really cool. Thank you. And 8) \_\_\_\_\_ you say thanks to your

- a) could
- b) should
- c) not could

mum for me?

**Daisy:** Well, actually, she isn't here. It's Oliver's idea. He's made some wonderful soup. And bread.

**Amy:** Nice! I could bring something for dessert, if you like. I 9) \_\_\_\_\_ make an apple cake ...

- a) couldn't
- b) cannot
- c) can

Pardon, Mum? Ah, thanks! It's Chinese New Year, so we've got some special sweets here. My mother says I 10) \_\_\_\_\_ take some to your house, so you can try them.

- a) can
- b) might
- c) could not

**Daisy:** Oh yes! Chinese New Year! Mum's in Hong Kong this week, writing about the celebrations. She emailed us some photos. But I thought your family's from Cambridge ... ? Do you celebrate Chinese New Year?

**Amy:** Yes, of course! Three of my grandparents are from Hong Kong, in fact – though my mother's father is Scottish. My parents and I are British, but we celebrate as a family. Listen, I'd better go and make that cake, or it'll be too late.

**Daisy:** OK! Oh, Mum's calling. See you in an hour.

**Amy:** Great. See you.

**Daisy:** Hi, Mum!

**Sophie:** Hi! Listen, it's just after midnight here and it's really noisy ...

**Oliver:** Wow, it sounds amazing!





**Sophie:** It is. Plus I've recorded some great interviews and got some fantastic photos for the blog.

WOW!

**Daisy:** You 11)\_\_\_\_\_ send some photos to Amy too, 12)\_\_\_\_\_ you, Mum? Is that OK?

a) couldn't

a) can

b) should not

b) could

c) cannot

c) must

Her family's from Hong Kong – I'm sure she'd love to see it.

**Sophie:** Yes, no problem, but don't give me her email address now, I 13)\_\_\_\_\_ hear anything

a) could not

b) could

c) can't

very well! It's too loud!

**Daisy:** OK.

**Sophie:** I'll phone you again tomorrow morning, OK?

**Oliver / Daisy:** OK. Love you.

**Sophie:** Love you too.

**Oliver:** She's having fun.

**Daisy:** Yes. I miss her.

**Oliver:** Me too.

**Daisy:** Amy? Is everything OK?

**Amy:** Yes, fine. My mother says would you two like to have dinner with us tomorrow? She says we can celebrate Chinese New Year together. And Dad says we can have special food – he'll make it – and we've got fireworks and ... you know ... if you like ...

**Daisy:** We'd love to!