

CAN AND COULD

Remember: We use **can** to talk about an **ability in the present** and we use **could** to talk about an **ability in the past**.

AFFIRMATIVE: I can use the internet I could use the tablet.
NEGATIVE: She can't go out She couldn't go out
QUESTION: Can they go to the toilet? Could they videogames?



Read the sentences and complete the gaps with the correct form of can and could. The answers can be in affirmative and in negative.

1. I _____ (NOT) go to the party **last night** because I **was** sick.
2. A: _____ Noel cook Italian food? B: Yes, he _____.
3. My sister _____ (NOT) swim **last year**, but **now** she _____.
4. They _____ (NOT) go shopping **yesterday** because the store was **closed**.
5. A: _____ you read when you **were four years old**? B: Yes, I _____.
6. Ellie _____ ride a bicycle. She rides it to school **every day**.
7. I'm very tired, so I _____ go out to the park to play.
8. A: _____ you see the moon **last night**? B: No, I _____ (NOT).
9. Most dinosaurs **walked** on land, but some _____ fly or even swim.
10. Excuse me, I _____ (NOT) hear you **right now**. The music is too loud.
11. I _____ drive a truck when I was only **sixteen years old**.
12. How many hot dogs _____ you eat at one time?
13. I _____ (NOT) read without my reading glasses. Where are they?

