

GRAMMAR PRACTICE



can: past simple (affirmative & negative)		
I / You / He / She / We / They	could	hear the music.
	couldn't	play the piano.
can: past simple (questions & short answers)		
Could	I / you / he / she / we / they	hear the music? play the piano?
Yes,	I / you / he / she / we / they	could.
No,		couldn't.

1 Rewrite the sentences in the past simple.

- 1) Ben **can** hear the music → Ben could hear the music.
- 2) I **can** take photos with my mobile phone → _____.
- 3) **Can** you use the microphone? → _____.
- 4) We **can't** see the band → _____.
- 5) Tara **can't** play the guitar → _____.
- 6) **Can** they go backstage? → _____.

2  Listen and tick what John and Vicky could do.

				
John	X			
Vicky				

3 Look at the table and complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't*.

	 NURIA	 SARA
Play the piano	X	✓
Dance	✓	✓
Hear the band	✓	X
Go to bed late	X	✓
Use the microphone.	X	X

- 1) Nuria _____ play the piano but Sara _____.
- 2) They _____ dance.
- 3) Sara _____ hear the band but Nuria _____.
- 4) Nuria _____ go to bed late but Sara _____.
- 5) Could they use the microphone? _____.

