

Can/ Could

Can - potrafi

Could - potrafiť

24 Past abilities

In the past simple, "can" becomes "could." You often use it to talk about things you "could" do in the past, but can't do now.

 **New language** Using "could" in the past simple

 **Vocabulary** Abilities and pastimes

 **New skill** Talking about past abilities

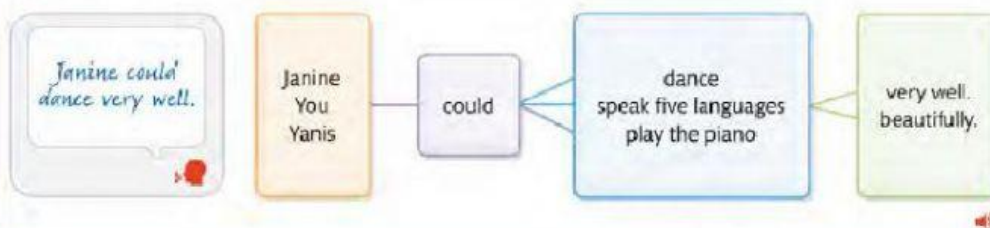


24.1 REWRITE THESE SENTENCES IN THE PAST TENSE USING "COULD"

	Jimmy can cook Italian food.	<i>Jimmy could cook Italian food.</i>
1	Carl can run fast.	
2	Brendan can speak five languages.	
3	Sally can paint beautifully.	
4	Rob and Sarah can't dance flamenco.	
5	Yasmin can climb a tree.	
6	Danny can drive a bus.	
7	We can't ride a horse.	
8	Jenny can play the violin.	
9	Ben can fly a plane.	
10	Yuna can speak Italian.	



24.2 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 18 CORRECT SENTENCES AND SAY THEM OUT LOUD



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24.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Six people are talking about talents and skills.

When Sandra was one, she could...

- walk. ☒
- speak. ☐
- read. ☐

1 Martha could play the violin when she was...

- six. ☐
- seven. ☐
- eight. ☐

2 James could paint well when he was...

- three years old. ☐
- seven years old. ☐
- 12 years old. ☐

3 When Max was young he could speak...

- seven languages. ☐
- six languages. ☐
- five languages. ☐

4 Winnie's grandmother could...

- paint beautifully. ☐
- bake cakes. ☐
- dance salsa. ☐

5 When Alfie was a child he could...

- climb a tree. ☐
- climb a mountain. ☐
- run very fast. ☐

Translate:

1. Nie mogliśmy tego wczoraj zrobić.
2. Nie mogliśmy przyjąć zamówienia, bo nie mieliśmy wystarczająco dużo ludzi.
3. Nie mogłem się z nim zgodzić.
4. Mogliśmy jechać samochodem, ale pojechaliśmy pociągiem.
5. Nie mogłem zadzwonić, bo nie miałem telefonu.
6. Nie potrafiłem używać tego programu, ale się nauczyłem.

Had - miał, miała, mieli, mieliśmy, mieliście

Yes/No questions

Question	Short answer
Did you have a good weekend?	+ Yes, I did .
	- No, I didn't .
Did they have fun?	+ Yes, they did .
	- No, they didn't .

1. I had a bad day yesterday.
2. We had a good time in Greece last year.
3. I got up late and I didn't have breakfast this morning.
4. We had a lot of work last week. Each day was busy.
5. She worked very hard. She had a presentation to prepare.
6. I didn't have time to talk to him.
7. What was the first car you had?
8. I had a serious conversation with my boss yesterday.
9. I had a teleconference when you called. I couldn't answer the phone.
10. I couldn't leave early because we had a lot of orders to prepare.
11. That was a really tough morning. I had a lot of emails to answer.
12. He was depressed because he didn't have a job.
13. Sorry I couldn't talk to you in the morning. I had a problem to solve.
14. Did you have a meeting yesterday?
15. He had a car accident last week.