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Unit 4 – What can we do with our trash?

GRAMMAR 2

CAN/CAN'T (ability in the present)	COULD/COULDN'T (ability in the past)
- <i>Is, are, am</i> - <i>Look!, now, today...</i>	- <i>was, were</i> - <i>Yesterday, ago, last....</i>
(+) I can swim very well. (-) I can't play tennis. (?) Can you climb the mountain? • Yes, I can. • No, I can't.	(+) I could ride a bike. (-) I couldn't fly a kite. (?) Could you play soccer? • Yes, I could. • No, I couldn't.

1 Complete the sentences, use CAN, CAN'T, COULD or COULDN'T.

- It was a pity. We _____ win the football match yesterday.
- It is impossible, the teddy bear _____ walk.
- I _____ go to school because I had a temperature.
- The boy was late for school because he _____ catch the bus.
- My best friend _____ play the drum in the band. She's really good.
- The little boy _____ stop crying. He feels badly.
- Henry went fishing but he _____ catch any big fish.
- The boy climbed the tree but now he _____ get down.
- It's Saturday and Peter _____ wear sports clothes.
- Hannah _____ play video games only on Saturdays.
- Yesterday Helen _____ make a beautiful picture frame.
- Barbara always gets up early so she _____ wash her hair.
- Sonia was very sad because she _____ do her test well.
- There was no television so they _____ only listen to the radio.
- Alice went home late so she _____ finish her homework.

2 Read and circle the correct answer.

- Mary was a fast runner. She _____ run 150 meters in 30 seconds.
a. could b. can't c. can d. couldn't
- I am sorry but I _____ come to your party next Friday.
a. can b. can't c. couldn't d. could
- I am not in a hurry. I _____ wait for you.
a. could b. can c. can't d. couldn't

4. I was very sick yesterday. I _____ eat anything.
 a. can b. can't c. could d. couldn't
5. Please speak louder. I _____ hear you very well.
 a. could b. couldn't c. can d. can't
6. He is very strong so he _____ carry this heavy suitcase.
 a. can't b. could c. can d. couldn't
7. John was a smart child. He _____ read when he was two.
 a. couldn't b. can c. could d. can't
8. It is sunny outside. _____ we go outside and play?
 a. Could b. Couldn't c. Can d. Can't
9. It is cold in here. _____ you please close the window?
 a. Can't b. Could c. Couldn't d. Can
10. I _____ open the door because the lock was broken.
 a. can b. can't c. could d. couldn't
11. I like math. I _____ solve math problems quickly.
 a. could b. couldn't c. can d. can't
12. Tom is too small to play soccer. What _____ he do?
 a. can't b. can c. could d. couldn't
13. The museum is closed. We _____ go today.
 a. can b. could c. can't d. couldn't
14. When _____ he walk? - When he was 2 years old.
 a. couldn't b. can c. could d. can't
15. I was so tired. I _____ sleep last night.
 a. can b. can't c. could d. couldn't

3 Put in order.

1. could /He /write /years /was /three /when /he /old / . /

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2. I /couldn't /was /yesterday /swim /it /because /rainy / . /

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3. she /was /the /guitar /very /She /could /well /play /when /small / . /

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4. that /They /can /mountain /climb / . /

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