

MODALS

CAN, CAN'T, COULD AND COULDN'T

CAN is used to refer to the capability, possibility, asking permission and making request.

Could is used to refer to the capability, possibility and permission in the past. Could can be used with verb like taste / feel / see / hear / smell / remember and understand.



Rex _____
the guitar but he
can't play the drum.



My dog _____
the stick but it can
catch the frisbee.



I _____ it
anymore, give me my
cigarettes.



Angel _____
to school because of
the mumps.



Dad _____
his glasses in the
bedroom.



Sue _____
both English and
French

Fill in the blanks with can / could.

- Cassie _____ buy the ring because it exceeded her budget.
- I _____ passed the English if I had studied hard.
- Her mother _____ do all kinds of pastries.
- Jacky _____ run very fast.
- Elena _____ swim when she was three.
- Belinda _____ go to school herself.
- _____ you get me a coffee, please?
- Max _____ go to the park with us.



Lucy _____
but she can't dance.

Fill in the blanks with can't / couldn't.

- I was sick yesterday, I _____ eat anything.
- Luke _____ come to my graduation prom.
- Willy _____ go the gym he is preparing for his interview.
- I washed very hard but I still _____ get rid of the stain.
- We _____ go out now; Uncle Tony is on his way here.
- Joseph _____ attend his wedding yesterday because he was drunk.
- I _____ write without a pen.

Unscramble the sentences.

- has to / Henry / wear his glasses, / clearly. / can't see / he

- When / out of job, / installments. / I was / pay / I couldn't / the car

- yet. / You / go / to the disco, / can't / eighteen / you / are not

- what / understand / she / was saying. / I / couldn't /

- very well. / can / the scooter / ride / Perry

- could / Oliver / was / cook / nine. / when / she

- couldn't / go to the / because / lost the tickets. / concert / They / Jim /

- too heavy. / Martin / carry / they are / can't / the boxes, / because
