



Week #2

Annex 1: Let's study **can** and **could** by watching some videos and study written explanation.



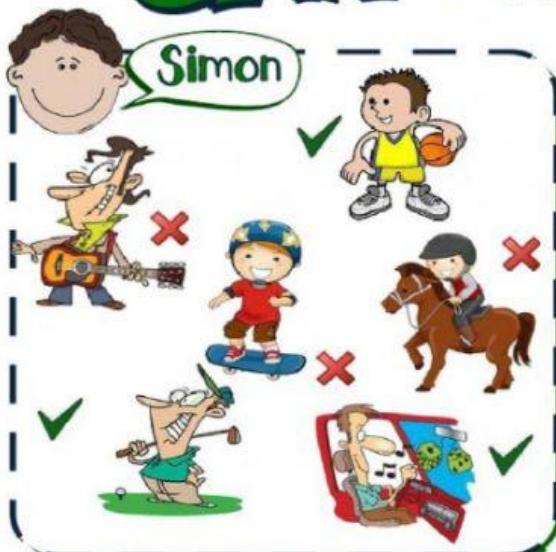
Modals – CAN, COULD

CAN	COULD
Ability <ul style="list-style-type: none">I can speak three languages.She can play the piano.	Ability <ul style="list-style-type: none">I could play a guitar when I was a child.I could smell something burning.
Offer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can I help you?I can send this letter for you.	Suggestion <ul style="list-style-type: none">I could help you with Spanish.They could go to the movies if you are interested.
Possibility <ul style="list-style-type: none">Smoking can cause cancer.It can get very hot there these days.	Possibility <ul style="list-style-type: none">A lot of crime could be prevented.You could have called first.
Request <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can you hand me the pencil?Can I go to the park?	Request <ul style="list-style-type: none">Could you hand me the pencil?Could I go to the park?
Permission <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can I borrow your notebook?Can I speak to Mary?	Permission <ul style="list-style-type: none">Could I borrow your notebook?Could I speak to Mary?

More videos about can and could.

Exercise #1: Follow instructions in the page below.

CAN OR CAN'T



A) Complete the sentences with can or can't.

1. Sarah _____ play the guitar.
2. Simon _____ drive.
3. Rosy and Dave _____ swim.
4. They _____ play tennis.
5. Sarah _____ paint.
6. She _____ ski.
7. Simon _____ ride a horse.
8. He _____ skateboard.

B) Write true (T) or false (F).

- 1) Dave and Rosy can't ride a bike. _____
- 2) Sarah can paint pictures. _____
- 3) Simon can ride a horse. _____
- 4) Simon and Sarah can't play the guitar. _____





Can and Could.

Exercise #2: Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1. I know how to speak English and German. I... speak two languages

- a) can't
- b) can
- c) could

2. (A) Can he swim?

B) Yes, he...

- a) can
- b) could
- c) can't

3. I don't know where to park my car.
Where... my car?

- a) can park
- b) I can park
- c) can I park

4. I don't understand this math problem.
Can he... me?

- a) helps
- b) help
- c) helping

5. He... run very fast last year, but now he can.

- a) couldn't
- b) can
- c) can't

6. (A) Do you think that they can cook well?

(B) Yes, I...

- a) am
- b) can
- c) do

7....find some information about travelling in Europe?

- a) Where can I
- b) Where I can
- c) Where can I

8) I was late for class last Thursday because I ...start my car.

- a) couldn't
- b) can't
- c) could

9. I need someone to teach my classyou...my class?

- a) Can / teach
- b) Could / teaches
- c) Can / teaching

10. I'm very sorry, but I don't think I ...you.

- a) can help
- b) couldn't help
- c) can't help

11. The company is looking for a person who ...

- a) can't work hard
- b) can work hard
- c) couldn't work hard

12. (A) Can she...?

(B) No, she can't right now.

- a) answers the phone
- b) answer the phone
- c) answering the phone



Can, could and would for invitations, offers, requests and permission

Exercise #3 - Choose one option to complete blank spaces accurately.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Daisy: Wow, it's cold out there! You're home early. Are you alright?

Oliver: Never better ... Hey, you 1) _____ pass me that plate, 2) _____ you? Please?

a) couldn't	a) could
b) could you	b) can't Liz
c) can I	c) may you

Thanks. But the heating at college broke down this morning, so when our accountancy lecturer said "Ladies and gentlemen, would you like a free afternoon to study at home?" Well, it was an offer we 3) _____ refuse really. It was freezing!

- a) can
- b) couldn't
- c) not refuse

Daisy: Well, I see you've been busy. What is it? 4) _____ I have a taste?

- a) Can
- b) Could
- c) Should

Oliver: Yes, of course you 5) _____! Here. What do you think?

- a) cannot
- b) can
- c) couldn't

Daisy: Mmmm. Wow, that's really good soup, there, big brother. What is it?

Oliver: It's a country recipe. I found it in one of Gran's old cookery books. But I've made a lot. Why don't you call Amy? You 6) _____ ask her round for dinner, if you like. There's more than

- a) should
- b) can
- c) cannot

enough. I've made bread too, look.

Daisy: You are one amazing brother!



Oliver: I know. Now go and phone.

Daisy: Amy? Oh, hi, Mrs Hao. 7) _____ I speak to Amy, please? ... Thank you ... Amy?

- a) Could
- b) Can
- c) Must

It's Daisy.

Amy: Hi! What's up?

Daisy: Would you like to come to our house for dinner?

Amy: Ah, yes, that would be really cool. Thank you. And 8) _____ you say thanks to your

- a) could
- b) should
- c) not could

mum for me?

Daisy: Well, actually, she isn't here. It's Oliver's idea. He's made some wonderful soup. And bread.

Amy: Nice! I could bring something for dessert, if you like. I 9) _____ make an apple cake ...

- a) couldn't
- b) cannot
- c) can

Pardon, Mum? Ah, thanks! It's Chinese New Year, so we've got some special sweets here. My mother says I 10) _____ take some to your house, so you can try them.

- a) can
- b) might
- c) could not

Daisy: Oh yes! Chinese New Year! Mum's in Hong Kong this week, writing about the celebrations.

She emailed us some photos. But I thought your family's from Cambridge ... ? Do you celebrate Chinese New Year?

Amy: Yes, of course! Three of my grandparents are from Hong Kong, in fact – though my mother's father is Scottish. My parents and I are British, but we celebrate as a family. Listen, I'd better go and make that cake, or it'll be too late.

Daisy: OK! Oh, Mum's calling. See you in an hour.

Amy: Great. See you.

Daisy: Hi, Mum!

Sophie: Hi! Listen, it's just after midnight here and it's really noisy ...

Oliver: Wow, it sounds amazing!



Sophie: It is. Plus I've recorded some great interviews and got some fantastic photos for the blog.

WOW!

Daisy: You 11) _____ send some photos to Amy too, 12) _____ you, Mum? Is that OK?

a) couldn't	a) can
b) should not	b) could
c) cannot	c) must

Her family's from Hong Kong – I'm sure she'd love to see it.

Sophie: Yes, no problem, but don't give me her email address now, I 13) _____ hear anything

a) could not
b) could
c) can't

very well! It's too loud!

Daisy: OK.

Sophie: I'll phone you again tomorrow morning, OK?

Oliver / Daisy: OK. Love you.

Sophie: Love you too.

Oliver: She's having fun.

Daisy: Yes. I miss her.

Oliver: Me too.

Daisy: Amy? Is everything OK?

Amy: Yes, fine. My mother says would you two like to have dinner with us tomorrow? She says we can celebrate Chinese New Year together. And Dad says we can have special food – he'll make it – and we've got fireworks and ... you know ... if you like ...

Daisy: We'd love to!