



# CAN & COULD



\* If you had the \_\_\_\_\_, you **could** pay your bills.

\* I **can** \_\_\_\_\_ my books.



\* I **couldn't** \_\_\_\_\_ to the beach yesterday.

\* I'm on a diet, I **can't** \_\_\_\_\_ bread.



\* **Could** she read \_\_\_\_\_ contract?

\* **Can** you play \_\_\_\_\_ us?

# Verbs (Regular & Irregular)

REGULAR VERBS	IRREGULAR VERBS

**Think about some verbs you can use when you are talking about shopping.**

# Can & Could

Affirmative  
(+)  
Negative (-)  
Interrogative  
(?)

## Description

### Can

1. To describe ability.
  2. Use in present.
- E.g. I \_\_\_\_\_ play basketball.  
E.g. She \_\_\_\_\_'t study French.  
E.g. \_\_\_\_\_ he listen to the radio?

### Could

1. To describe ability or request / possibility / conditional
  2. Use in past.
- E.g. We \_\_\_\_\_ run fast.  
E.g. He \_\_\_\_\_n't ride a bike.  
E.g. \_\_\_\_\_ they pay the check? No, they can't. (Request)  
E.g. \_\_\_\_\_ she dance when she was a kid? No, she couldn't. (ability)

### Can

#### [AFFIRMATIVE]

\_\_\_ + **can** + verb infinitive + C

#### [NEGATIVE]

\_\_\_ + **can't** + verb infinitive + C

#### [INTERROGATIVE]

**Can** + \_\_\_ + verb infinitive  
+ C ?

### Could

#### [AFFIRMATIVE]

\_\_\_ + **could** + verb infinitive + C

#### [NEGATIVE]

\_\_\_ + **couldn't** + verb infinitive + C

#### [INTERROGATIVE]

**Could** + \_\_\_ + verb  
infinitive + C ?

# Find the mistakes and cross them out

## Exercise

### 1

#### Choose the correct answer

1. She can speak Spanish. / She can speaks Spanish.
2. Could I use your bathroom please? Yes, could. / Could I use your bathroom please? Yes, you can.
3. Can you help her please? / Can you helps her please?
4. They can't go to the trip. / They couldn't went to the trip.
5. He could goes to the new restaurant. / He couldn't go to the new restaurant.



# Write three sentences.

## Exercise 2

### CAN

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### COULD

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

From exercise 1, change the correct sentences into their opposite form.

**Exercise  
3**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_.

# Can & Could: Summary

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E.g. He couldn't ride a bike.  
E.g. Could they pay the check? No, they can't. (Request)  
E.g. Could she dance when she was a kid? No, she couldn't. (ability)

## Can

### [AFFIRMATIVE]

S +  + verb infinitive + C

### [NEGATIVE]

S +  + verb infinitive + C

### [INTERROGATIVE]

+ S + verb infinitive + C ?

## Could

### [AFFIRMATIVE]

S +  + verb infinitive + C

### [NEGATIVE]

S +  + verb infinitive + C

### [INTERROGATIVE]

+ S + verb infinitive + C ?

**THANKS!**

