

Primary Grammar: Can, Could #1

We use '**can**' for statements that are possible.

- Can you open your mouth?
I can open my mouth.

We use '**could**' for statements that are possible but not certain.

- Could you come here for 11pm?
I could if there is a bus.

The negative for '**can**' is '**cannot**'. Meaning that it is impossible.

- Can you fly?
No, I cannot fly.

The negative for '**could**' is '**couldn't**'. Meaning that it is not possible but can be certain.

- Could he be at the house?
He couldn't be as I have the keys.



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Read the sentence and rewrite it using 'can'. Be wary of the verb.

- He kicked the ball.

A: He can kick the ball.

1. She cooked a hamburger.

A: _____

2. They walked to school.

A: _____

3. We jumped over the fence.

A: _____

4. I talked in English.

A: _____



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Read the sentence and rewrite it into negative, using 'cannot'. Be wary of the verb.

- He kicked the ball.

A: He cannot kick the ball.

1. They baked a cake.

A: _____

2. We played in the house.

A: _____

3. I talked in Chinese.

A: _____

4. I jumped to the moon.

A: _____



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Read the question and answer it using 'could' followed by an answer.
Do not use 'can', as your answer will be uncertain.

- Where **can** they go?
A: They **could** go home.

1. What **can** he eat?

A: _____

2. Who **can** she talk to?

A: _____

3. Where **can** we play?

A: _____

4. When **can** we go?

A: _____



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We can use 'could have' to guess the past. Read the question and the answer. Rewrite it using 'could have' followed by a different answer.

- Q: Where did she walk?
A: She walked to school.
A: She could have walked to the market.

1. Q: What did she cook?

A: She cooked pasta.

A: _____

2. Q: Where did they play?

A: They played in the house.

A: _____



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We can use 'couldn't have' to state the impossible. Read the question and the answer. Rewrite it using 'couldn't have' followed by a different answer.

- Q: Where did she walk?
A: She walked to school.
A: She couldn't have walked to the market.

1. Q: What did she cook?

A: She cooked a hamburger.

A: _____

2. Q: Where did they play?

A: They played in the park.

A: _____

