



ENGLISH WORKSHEET N°1
8° BÁSICO

Objective: To express ability, possibility and ask for permission.

CAN

- > We use "can" to express ability.
- > We use "can" to express possibility.
- > We use "can" to ask for a favor or permission.
- > NEGATIVE: CANNOT / CAN'T

COULD

- > "Could" is used to express ability in the past.
- > We use "could" to express possibility in the past.
- > NEGATIVE: COULD NOT / COULDN'T

EXAMPLES

- > Mark can swim very well. (ability)
- > You can fail the driving test. (Possibility)
- > Can I go to the toilet? (Permission)
- > I couldn't read when I was 1 year old. (Ability)

* WE USE THE SUBJECT – VERB INVERSION FOR QUESTIONS.
> CAN YOU PLAY THE PIANO? – YES, I CAN / NO, I CAN'T

I. Complete the sentences using CAN – CAN'T – COULD – COULDN'T.

1. I was short of money last week. I _____ buy that disk.
2. I am afraid, I _____ come to your party.
3. When my father was a schoolboy, he was a good runner. He _____ run very fast.
4. My great grandmother was very clever. She _____ speak three languages.
5. Denys _____ swim quite well now. But last summer he _____ swim at all.
6. His uncle _____ ride a horse when he was seven.
7. My grandfather loved music very much. He _____ play the piano and the guitar very well.
8. Something was wrong with my alarm clock. I _____ wake up on time.
9. Max is in a hurry. He _____ wait for us.
10. They talked quite loudly. I _____ hear everything they said.

II. Choose the correct answer.

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| 1. I know how to speak English and German. I ... speak two languages. | 2. ... find some information about travelling in Europe? |
| a) can't | a) Where I could |
| b) can | b) Where I can |
| c) could | c) Where can I |



3. (A) Can he swim?

(B) Yes, he

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

5. I don't know where to park my car.

Where ... my car?

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

7. I don't understand this math problem.

Can he ... me?

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

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

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

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

(B) Yes, I

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

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

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

6. I need someone to teach my class.

... you ... my class?

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

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

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

10. 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

III. Write if the sentence is referring to: ability, possibility, asking for a favor or permission.

1. Can you stand on your head? ability

2. Mum, can I go camping with my friends? _____

3. Could you open the window, please? _____

4. We could climb trees when we were young. _____

5. Could you send this email, please? _____

6. Can I give you a lift? _____

7. We can watch this film, if you want. _____

8. Can I play with your doll? _____

9. You can't use your computer now. You have to write your homework first. _____

10. Can I open the window? It's too hot here. _____

11. Jake can't be at home. _____



IV. Write 3 things they can or can't do.

Dog



- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Horse



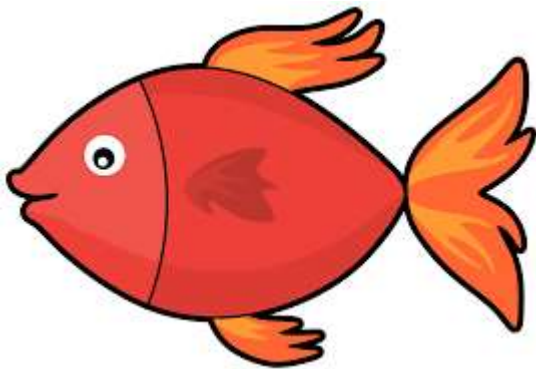
- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Person



- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Fish



- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Bird



- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____