

1. Put in can or could. Sometimes either word is possible.

- 1 'The phone is ringing. Who do you think it is?' 'It could be Tim.'
- 2 I'm really hungry. I can't eat a horse!
- 3 If you're very hungry, we could have dinner now.
- 4 It's so nice here. I could stay here all day but unfortunately I have to go.
- 5 'I can't find my bag. Have you seen it?' 'No, but it could be in the car.'
- 6 Peter is a keen musician. He plays the flute and he could also play the piano.
- 7 'What shall we do?' 'There's a film on television. We could watch that.'
- 8 The weather is nice now but it could change later.

2. Write can, can't, could or couldn't in the spaces.

- 1 I'm sorry I can't come to your party. I'm busy on Saturday.
- 2 You could sing much better than that when you were younger.
- 3 Rachel's son could count to 20 and he's only two!
- 4 We didn't speak the language so we couldn't understand what the woman said.
- 5 Could you read that notice from here? I haven't got my glasses with me.
- 6 I know that man but I can't remember his name.
- 7 Anne-Marie likes to sit close to the stage so she can see the actors' faces clearly.
- 8 I'm afraid of going on a boat because I can't swim.
- 9 When I was a teenager I walked everywhere because I couldn't drive.
- 10 Could you write your name when you started school?
- 11 He looked everywhere for the ring but he couldn't find it.
- 12 Could you open this window? I've tried, but it's too heavy.

3. Fill in the gaps with words from the box.

are be is to be hasn't been haven't been isn't will weren't wasn't won't be were

- 1 None of the students were able to read the teacher's writing.
- 2 Your sister speaks very good Spanish. Can you able to speak any foreign languages?
- 3 Can you be able to finish that homework by tomorrow?
- 4 They couldn't able to see anything from the plane because it was cloudy.
- 5 I'm sorry, I can't able to come to your wedding next month because I've got exams.
- 6 He could able to take a holiday since last summer.
- 7 If you want to do the diving course, you have to be able to swim.
- 8 I looked everywhere but I couldn't able to find the photograph because Laura had it.
- 9 Can Rebecca able to lend you some money or do you want me to give you some?
- 10 Let's phone the theatre. We may be able to get seats for tonight.
- 11 I wanted to invite James but I couldn't able to contact him.
- 12 The manager can able to see you now. Can you come back tomorrow?

4. Put in CAN in various forms + add verb.

- 1 She can speak three languages.
- 2 He couldn't come to the party because he had an exam the next day.
- 3 You could a car without a licence.
- 4 Sally can play music but she can't play the violin beautifully.
- 5 Jack couldn't see very well when he was younger but now he needs to wear glasses all the time.
- 6 I can't do you with your homework now - I'm too busy.
- 7 I'm sorry. Could you say that again? I can't hear you because the children were shouting.
- 8 I can't remember British people when I first came to Britain but it's easier for me now.
- 9 I can't see you because our phone wasn't working but it's all right now.
- 10 Helicopters are very useful here because they can fly anywhere.