

CAN / COULD

Remember that **Can** and **Could** are Modal Auxiliary Verbs. They follow all the rules you have learned in the previous document (invariable form / neg-? as auxiliaries / followed by an inf)



CAN

AFF

I CAN + INF
YOU CAN + INF
HE CAN + INF
...

NEG

I CAN'T + INF
YOU CAN'T + INF
HE CAN'T + INF
...

?

CAN YOU + INF ...?
CAN HE + INF ...?
CAN SHE + INF ...?
...

I CAN DRIVE – HE CAN'T SWIM – CAN YOU COOK?

AFF

I COULD + INF
YOU COULD + INF
HE COULD + INF
...

NEG

I COULDNT+ INF
YOU COULDNT+ INF
HE COULDNT+ INF
...

?

COULD YOU + INF ...?
COULD HE + INF ...?
COULD SHE + INF ...?
...

I COULD READ – HE COULDNT WRITE – COULD YOU RIDE A BIKE?

COULD

ABILITY

SABER HACER ALGO

I CAN DRIVE = Yo sé conducir (PRESENTE)

I COULD DRIVE WHEN I WAS 19 = Yo sabía conducir con 19 años (PASADO)

He **can** speak two languages.
She **can't** play the piano.
Can you stand on your head?
Tom **can** cook very well.
Bob **can't** dance at all.

Mary **could** play the drums when she was a kid !
My mum **could** read before going to school.
I **couldn't** cook until I went to university.
Could you swim at the age of 3 ?

Para hacer comentarios sobre lo que sabemos que ocurre habitualmente en relación a algo.

It **can** rain a lot in Paris.

(En Paris puede llover mucho)

These dogs **can** be dangerous.

(Estos perros pueden ser peligrosos)

You **can** easily get lost in this town.

(Uno se puede perder en esta ciudad con facilidad)

PUEDE...

POSSIBILITY (CAN)