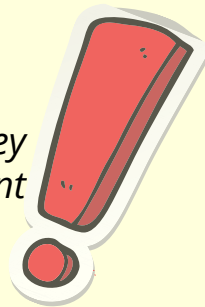


# CAN / COULD

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 **COULDN'T** + INF  
YOU **COULDN'T** + INF  
HE **COULDN'T** + INF  
...

**?**

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

I COULD READ – HE COULDN'T 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)**