

Exercises

27.1 Answer the questions with a suggestion. Use **could**.

- 1 Where shall we go for our holidays?
- 2 What shall we have for dinner tonight?
- 3 When shall I phone Vicky?
- 4 What shall I give Ann for her birthday?
- 5 Where shall we hang this picture?

(to Scotland) We could go to Scotland.
 (fish) We
 (now) You
 (a book)
 (in the kitchen)

27.2 In some of these sentences, you need **could** (not **can**). Change the sentences where necessary.

- 1 The story can be true, but I don't think it is.
- 2 It's a nice day. We can go for a walk.
- 3 I'm so angry with him. I can kill him!
- 4 If you're hungry, we can have dinner now.
- 5 It's so nice here. I can stay here all day, but unfortunately I have to go.
- 6 A: Where's my bag. Have you seen it?
B: No, but it can be in the car.
- 7 Peter is a keen musician. He plays the flute and he can also play the piano.
- 8 A: I need to borrow a camera.
B: You can borrow mine.
- 9 Be careful climbing that tree. You can fall.

could be true
 OK (could go is also possible)

27.3 Complete the sentences. Use **could** or **could have** + a suitable verb.

- 1 A: What shall we do this evening?
B: I don't mind. We could go to the cinema.
- 2 A: I spent a very boring evening at home yesterday.
B: Why did you stay at home? You out with us.
- 3 A: Have you seen this job advertised in the paper? You for it.
B: What sort of job? Show me the advertisement.
- 4 A: How was your exam? Was it difficult?
B: It wasn't so bad. It worse.
- 5 A: I got very wet walking home in the rain last night.
B: Why did you walk? You a taxi.
- 6 A: Where shall we meet tomorrow?
B: Well, I to your house if you like.

27.4 Complete the sentences. Use **couldn't** or **couldn't have** + these verbs (in the correct form):

~~be~~ be come find get ~~live~~ wear

- 1 I couldn't live in a big city. I'd hate it.
- 2 We had a really good holiday. It couldn't have been better.
- 3 I that hat. I'd look silly and people would laugh at me.
- 4 We managed to find the restaurant you recommended, but we it without the map that you drew for us.
- 5 Paul has to get up at 4 o'clock every morning. I don't know how he does it. I up at that time every day.
- 6 The staff at the hotel were really nice when we stayed there last summer. They more helpful.
- 7 A: I tried to phone you last week. We had a party and I wanted to invite you.
B: That was nice of you, but I anyway. I was away all last week.