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GRAMMAR

Should and could

LEVELBeginner (A1)

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English



Learning outcomes

 I can differentiate between the use of 'could' and 'should'.

 I can give simple suggestions using 'could' and 'should'.





I could, but I don't know if I should!



Using *should*

- Should is used to talk about opinions or give advice.
- You can make *should* negative by adding *not*, to become *shouldn't*

Positive	Negative
I should do my homework.	I shouldn't do my homework.
You should eat your vegetables.	You shouldn't eat your vegetables.
They should write a letter.	They shouldn't write a letter.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with should, shouldn't, can or could.



It's really cold. It _____ snow!



_____l wear suncream today?



We ______ go to the beach if you want.



You _____ go outside today. It's stormy!





Dialogue

Fill in the gaps using the words in the boxes.

I have a small injury I please make a doctor's appointment?			doctor's
Nos	Yes, I help y	ou with that. Is Tuesday	alright? Angie
Rob	No, I come on Tuesday.		
	No problem you come on Thursday instead?		
Can	Could	can't	can

Dialogue





Using could

- Could is the past form of can. We use **could + verb** to talk about abilities in the past.
- Make could negative by adding not to make couldn't

Present	Past
I can play the guitar.	I could play the guitar when I was younger.
You can't speak English.	You couldn't speak English last year.
She can't ride a bike.	She couldn't ride a bike two days ago.



Can and could





When I was a child, I **couldn't** write. Now I **can** write and I do it nearly every day.



Can and could





When I was young, I **couldn't** read. Now I **can** read anything I want.



Can and could

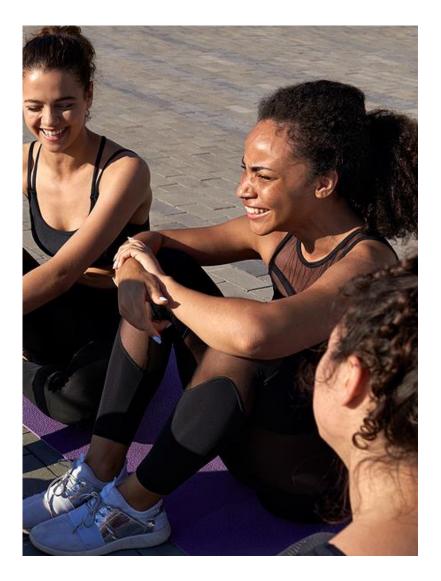




As a child I **couldn't** play the guitar. I spent all my time playing video games. I still **can't** play the guitar. My friends say I **should** really take some lessons!







I can't wait to see my friends next week!

We use **can't wait** to talk about something we are excited about.



Match the sentences

1	I can't hear you.	a	She could play football.
2	She can play football.	b	They could speak Italian.
3	We can't eat meat.	С	We couldn't eat meat.
4	They can speak Italian.	d	He could swim.
5	He can swim.	е	I couldn't hear you.

Multiple choice

1	1 When I was a baby, I speak.		
	a. can't	b. couldn't	
2	My doctor says I work today.		
	a. can't	b. am	
3	3 I can play basketball, but I play the guitar.		
	a. could	b. can't	
4	I have an injury, so I play football.		
	a. can	b. can't	
5	When I was younger, I run far.		
	a. can	b. could	





Give advice



Give some advice using *could* or *should* for each of these problems. Work in breakout rooms or together as a class.

- 1 I am so late for work!
- 2 I have a really bad cold.
- 3 I want to learn Italian.
- 4 My exams are soon.
- 5 I'm always really tired in the morning.



Match the sentences

1	Could you	a	I come with you?
2	Could	b	wear a jacket today?
3	I couldn't	С	eat too much ice cream before dinner.
4	I shouldn't	d	please help me?
5	Should I	е	drive a car when I was a child.



Answer the questions

Use *shouldn't* or *can't* to answer the questions.

1	Should I stay at home today?	>	No, you shouldn't stay at home today.
2	Can you play football?	>	
3	Can you help me?	>	
4	Should you be here?	>	
5	Can I see you?	>	
6	Should we go to the cinema?	>	



Fill in the blanks

Last year, I had an injury and ______ walk.

My doctor told me I _____ stay in bed and that I _____ run for three months. Now that I am better, I _____ run even faster!



can should couldn't shouldn't





Two truths and a lie

Think of two things that you could or couldn't do when you were a child, and make up another that is not true. Your partner has to guess which is the lie!



I could swim when I was a child.

Hmm...



I couldn't speak English when I was a child.

That's probably true.



I could ride a bike when I was a child.

I'm not sure. How old?



Let's reflect!

 Can you differentiate between the use of 'could' and 'should'?

 Can you give simple suggestions using 'could' and 'should'?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.



End of the lesson

Idiom

to be all ears

Meaning: waiting excitedly to hear about something

Example: Tell me everything! I'm all ears.







Additional practice



Match the sentences



1 When I was one year old, I couldn't talk.

a But I really should save my money.

I really want to buy this expensive dress for myself.

She can't speak Italian.

3 She can only speak German and English.

He shouldn't play rugby today.

4 You have the flu today.

Now, I can speak five languages!

5 His leg hurts.

You should stay home.





Match the advice to the pictures







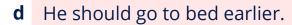
a He shouldn't worry so much.

b He should go to the doctor's.





c He should eat more healthy food.







e She shouldn't text while driving.

f He should relax.

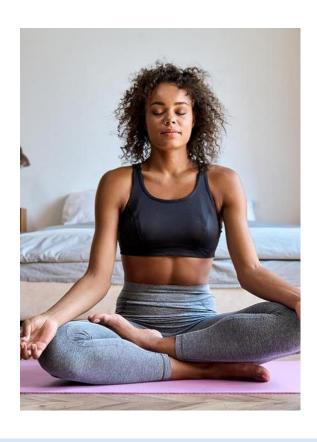




What can you do?



Which of the things in the boxes can you do? Could you do any of them when you were a child?



ride a bike	ski	play poker
speak three languages	run ten kilometres	do yoga
ice skate	drive a car	cook





What do you want to do?

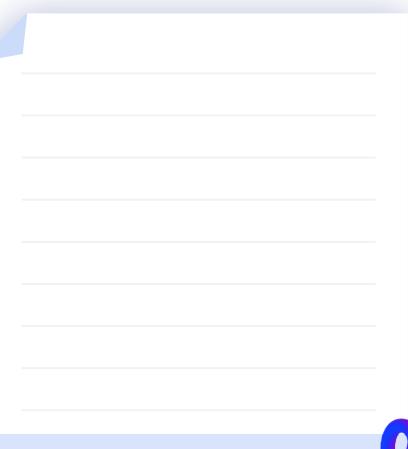


Write a list of four things you can't do but you want to. Tell a partner and they will give you advice.

I can't speak German. "You should take lessons."







Answer key

P.5: could, should, can, shouldn't

P.6: Could, can, can't, Can, Should, No, Thank you

P.13: 1) e, 2) a, 3) b, 4) b, 5) d

P.14: 1) b, 2) a, 3) b, 4) b, 5) b

P.16: 1) d, 2) a, 3) e, 4) c, 5) b

P.17: 2) No, I can't play football. 3) No, I can't help you. 4) No, you shouldn't be here. 5) No, you can't see me. 6) No, you shouldn't go to the cinema.



Answer key



P.23: 1) d, 2) a, 3) b, 4) e, 5) c

P.24: 1) d, 2) b, 3) f, 4) e, 5) c, 6) a



Summary

Using should:

- Should is used to talk about **opinions** or **give advice**.
- You can make *should* negative by adding *not*, to become *shouldn't*
- You should go to the doctor's. You shouldn't go to work today.

Using could:

- Could is the past form of can. We use **could + verb** to talk about abilities in the past.
- Make could negative by adding not to make couldn't
- I could read when I was seven. I couldn't drive when I was a child.





Vocabulary

should

could

guitar

video games

meat

Italian

soon





Notes

