

HOME EXERCISES

LESSON 13

1. Complete with can or could and say what the idea is:

- a) Paul _____ **could** _____ play the violin when he was young.
- b) We _____ **can** _____ go to the restaurant after the game today.
- c) I _____ **could** _____ see Jane at the concert last week.
- d) My parents _____ **could** _____ travel to Italy last year.
- e) The smart boy _____ **can** _____ speak four languages.

2. Complete these sentences. Use can, can't, could or couldn't + one of these verbs:

* eat * see * come * sleep * run * speak * find

- a) I was tired but I _____ **couldn't sleep** _____.
- b) I wasn't hungry yesterday. I _____ **couldn't eat** _____ my dinner.
- c) I like this hotel room. You _____ **can see** _____ the mountains from the window.
- d) I'm sorry but we _____ **can't come** _____ to your party next Saturday.
- e) When I was young, I _____ **could run** _____ very fast.
- f) Catherine got the job because she _____ **can speak** _____ five languages.
- g) Did you see my bag? I _____ **can't find** _____ it. (negative)

3. Complete these sentences. Use should or must + one of these verbs:

* go * brush * wear * learn

- a) When you play tennis, you _____ **should wear** _____ special sneakers. (recommendation)
- b) We _____ **must go** _____ to the bank today. We don't have any money. (necessity)
- c) You _____ **should learn** _____ how to drive. It will be very useful. (advice)
- d) You _____ **should brush** _____ your teeth at least three times a day. (recommendation)

4. Write sentences with might, follow the example:

Example: It's possible that I'll go to the cinema. *I might go to the cinema.*

- a) I don't know if Ann will phone me tonight.
 ___ **Ann might phone me tonight** _____
- b) It's possible that I arrive late at the meeting tomorrow.
 ___ **I might arrive late at the meeting tomorrow** _____
- c) It's possible that I will not have time to have lunch today.
 ___ **I might not have lunch today** _____
- d) The teacher will possibly talk about Mozart next class.
 ___ **The teacher might talk about Mozart next class** _____
- e) Maybe I will go fishing on the weekend. I didn't decide yet.
 ___ **I might go fishing on the weekend** _____

CLASS EXERCISES

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1. Make sentences, following the example:

Example: Walk / one year old.
I couldn't walk when I was one year old.

a) Drive / ten years old.

_I couldn't drive when I was ten years old

b) Work / in 1990.

_I could work in 1990.

c) Speak English / two years ago.

_I could speak English two years ago

d) Go out at night with my friends / twelve years old.

_I could go out at night with my friends when I was 12 years old.

e) Travel alone / fifteen years old.

_I could travel alone when I was fifteen years old _____

f) Speak / two months old.

_I couldn't speak when I was two months old. _____

g) Drink beer / eight years old.

_I couldn't drink beer when I was eight years old. _____

h) Smoke / five years old.

_I couldn't smoke when I was five years old. _____

2. Complete the sentences using the modal verbs:

a) You **should** _____ study more or you won't pass the exam. (recommendation)

b) **May** _____ I come in? (permission - formal)

c) She **should** _____ visit him. He is very sick. (advice)

d) No, you **must** _____ not sit here. (prohibition - formal)

e) They **must** _____ win the game or they won't go to the World Cup. (necessity)

f) It's raining today. It **might** _____ be sunny tomorrow. (unlikely probability)

g) Water **can** _____ turn into ice. (Ability)

h) They **can** _____ write to us from Mexico. (possibility)

3. Complete the sentences with **can**, **can't**, **could** or **couldn't**:

a) I'm afraid I **can't** _____ go to your party next week. (possibility - neg.)

b) When Tim was sixteen, he was a fast runner. He **could** _____ run 100 meters in eleven seconds. (possibility - past)

c) Are you in a hurry? No, I have time. I **can** _____ wait. (possibility)

d) I was feeling sick yesterday. I **couldn't** _____ eat anything. (possibility - past - neg.)

e) Can you speak up a bit? I **can't** _____ hear you very well. (possibility - neg.)

f) My parents **couldn't** _____ travel to Italy last week. They were working. (possibility - past - neg)

g) **Can** _____ she read this book in 2 days? (Ability)

HOMEWORK

LESSON 13

1. Complete with can or could:

- a) _____ **Can/Could** _____ you get an invitation for the concert in the afternoon?
- b) They _____ **can** _____ speak English and French very well.
- c) My sister _____ **can** _____ reproduce this score on the piano.
- d) The water in the freezer _____ **can** _____ turn into ice.

2. Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences

- 1. Before Anna had come to Britain, she _____ understand much English.
 a) can b) can't c) not d) **couldn't** e) doesn't
- 2. I _____ walk home last night. There were no buses.
 a) have to b) **had to** c) must d) must to e) must have
- 3. You _____ go to the bank today. I can give you some money.
 a) must b) mustn't c) must not d) can't e) **don't need to**
- 4. The phone is ringing. It _____ be Tim.
 a) might b) **can** c) could

3. Write sentences with might or might not:

- a) It's possible that I'll see you tomorrow.
 ___ **I might see you tomorrow** _____
- b) It's possible that it will snow today.
 ___ **It might snow today** _____
- c) It's possible that I won't have time to study.
 ___ **I might not have time to study** _____
- d) It's possible that she'll call me tonight.
 ___ **She might call me tonight** _____
- e) I don't know if we'll travel next holiday.
 ___ **I might not travel next holiday** _____

4. Complete with the best option:

* should * must * might * can * could * may *

- a) John is not feeling very well. He **must** _____ see a doctor. (advice)
- b) It's cold outside. You _____ **should** _____ wear a jacket. (suggestion)
- c) Today is sunny! I think it _____ **might** _____ not rain. (remote possibility)
- d) It's ok with me. Your friends _____ **may** _____ sleep here. (permission)
- e) Janet is incredible! She _____ **can** _____ run very fast! (ability)
- f) _____ **Could** _____ you help me with these boxes, please? (possibility - formal)

5. Make phrases with the information given. Use other words if necessary.

a) (ability) Jack / to swim / very well

Jack can swim very well _____

b) (obligation) We / to visit / our parents.

We must visit our parents _____

c) (unlikely probability) Mary and Ann / to come / today / raining

Mary and Ann might not come today because it's raining _____

d) (suggestion) Daren / to stay / home / sick

Daren should stay at home because He's sick _____

e) (advice) The teacher / to be / patient.

The teacher must be patient _____

f) (ability - past - neg.) You / to drive / 14 years old

You couldn't drive when you were 14 years old _____

g) (obligation) We / to pay attention / the teacher.

We must pay attention to the teacher _____

h) (obligation) The teacher / to correct / test / 24 hours.

The teacher must correct the test in 24 hours. _____

6. Choose the most appropriate modal verb:

a) Take your umbrella. It _____ rain later. (A) must (B) can't (C) might

b) Excuse me, _____ you tell me the way to Victoria Station, please? (A) should (B) must (C) could

c) The children _____ be sleeping now. There are no lights in their bedroom. (A) should (B) must (C) can

d) You _____ smoke in class. (A) needn't (B) mustn't (C) should

e) I don't think you _____ work so much. (A) mustn't (B) should (C) may

7. What do these sentences express: permission, possibility, prohibition or obligation?

a) You have to clean the room now. **obligation** _____

b) **She can't go to the office wearing short skirts.** **prohibition** _____

c) We can go to the mall tonight. **possibility** _____

d) You may leave now. **permission** _____

8. Match the halves sentences.

a) Don't worry about the language. (4)

1. I'm not sure; she might.

b) That looks heavy. (6)

2. We might have to wait a few minutes.

c) Will Mary be there?(1)

3. We could go to Scotland.

d) Isn't that James?(5)

4. I can speak French.

e) Where shall we go for our holidays?(3)

5. No, he can't be. He's in Australia.

f) The bus isn't always on time.(2)

6. Shall I give you a hand?