

## Can, Could and To Be Able To Exercise

INFINITIVE	PRESENT	PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
to be able to	can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>could - <i>had the ability to</i></li> <li>↳ She could play the violin when she was three</li> <li>was able to - <i>managed to</i></li> <li>↳ We were able to escape the fire</li> </ul>	been able to

Circle the correct answer. Fill the gaps when you've checked your answers.

- I ..... remember his name.
  - am not able to
  - can't**
  - red herring
- Diana ..... the piano.
  - can play**
  - can to play
  - eats
- She ..... come on holiday next month if her parents give her permission.
  - can't
  - could
  - will be able to**
- They ..... go. The weather was too bad.
  - couldn't**
  - can't
  - wasn't able to
- A: Can you lend me some money?  
B: Sorry. I ..... I haven't got any either.
  - can't**
  - am not able to
  - couldn't
- You'll be able to solve this, .....?
  - can you
  - won't you**
  - will you
- Sorry, Teacher. I ..... do it yet.
  - wasn't able to
  - couldn't
  - haven't been able to**
- He ..... pass the exam if he studied harder.
  - will be able to
  - can
  - would be able to**
- The fishing boat sank but luckily all the crew ..... save themselves.
  - were able to**
  - could
  - wasn't able to
- We ..... go to the party. We're going to a wedding that day.
  - couldn't
  - won't be able to**
  - will can't

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**Indirect Questions**

Indirect questions are a form of questions used when the speaker wants to be polite and a little formal. They are often used when speaking to someone you don't know or in professional situations.

Most indirect questions have several parts, and they can be in any verb tense, as shown in these examples:

Question phrase	Question word	Subject	Predicate
Do you know	where	the bus stop	is?
Could you tell me	what time	we	should meet tomorrow?
Could you let me know	when	the film	starts?
Do you have any idea	why	they	haven't arrived yet?
May I ask	how	you	got those tickets?
Can you tell me	if	this person	was here yesterday?

**A. Complete the indirect questions with the words and phrases from the box.**

how much      tell us      the reviews      the show      will be      you know

- Do **you know** ..... where to buy the tickets?
- Would you mind telling me **how much** ..... the tickets cost?
- Do you know when **the show** ..... starts?
- Can you **tell us** ..... where to meet tonight?
- Do you know if **the reviews** ..... for the show are good?
- Could you tell me who **will be** ..... going with us?



**B. Put the words in the correct order to make indirect questions.**

- how / to the park / get / tell me / I / could you / can  
**Could you tell me how I can get to the park** .....
- about / what / you know / is / do / the meeting  
**Do you know what the meeting is about** .....
- you tell / costs / how much / an espresso / me / could  
**Could you tell me how much an espresso costs?** .....
- you / will be playing / when / the band / know / again / do  
**Do you know when the band will be playing again?** .....

## Don't Have to and Mustn't Exercise

- don't have to - *the choice is yours* You don't have to come if you don't want to
- mustn't - *total prohibition* You mustn't smoke in a petrol station

A Fill the gaps with either **don't have to** or **mustn't** in the correct form.

- 1 Sally! You **mustn't** ..... say rude words like that!
- 2 Tommy! You **mustn't** ..... pick your nose in class. It's really disgusting.
- 3 You **don't have to** ..... finish the exercise now. You can finish it at home.
- 4 James **doesn't have to** ..... go to church if he doesn't want to.
- 5 You **mustn't** ..... drive so aggressively. You'll end up killing someone.
- 6 Helen **mustn't** ..... make racist comments. It makes her seem really ignorant.
- 7 David **doesn't have to** ..... answer your emails. There's no law about it.
- 8 It's OK. You **don't have to** ..... pay now. You can pay me at the end of the month.
- 9 You **mustn't** ..... stay out so late without ringing me. I was worried sick.
- 10 You **mustn't** ..... let the cats sleep on my clean shirts. Look. They're covered in hairs.
- 11 You **don't have to** have lunch with my parents. I'm not forcing you.
- 12 I **mustn't** ..... forget to phone Granny. It's her birthday tomorrow.
- 13 You **mustn't** ..... drink alcohol if you are underage.
- 14 We **don't have to** ..... play football. We can play basketball instead.
- 15 You **mustn't** ..... smoke. It kills you.
- 16 You **mustn't** ..... be cruel to your brother. It's very unkind.

B Now make up some examples of your own.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....

## Modal Verbs of Advice Exercise

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- **could** - *options*     I could go to her party if I wanted to
  - **should** - *advice*     I should go to her party. If not, she'll be upset
  - **would** - *imagining*     I would go to her party if she invited me
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### 1 Fill the gaps with **could**, **should** or **would**.

- 1 It **would** ..... never occur to my boss to give me a raise.
- 2 You **should** ..... phone your Mum at least twice a week.
- 3 If I had the money, I **would** ..... travel the world.
- 4 I **would ask** ..... ask her out to dinner if I had the courage.
- 5 You **should** ..... get a laptop. They're so convenient.
- 6 I've got an exam on Monday so I **should** ..... stay in this weekend.
- 7 I **could** ..... either go on holiday to Budapest or buy a laptop.
- 8 You **could** ..... always hire a car if public transport is bad there.
- 9 You **should** ..... really buy a travel guide before you go to Central America.
- 10 I **would** ..... change job immediately if I were offered more money.
- 11 I think my brother **would** ..... live in Spain if he could get a decent job there.
- 12 You **could** ..... always change your flight if you want to stay in London more time.
- 13 In your situation, I **would** ..... consider going abroad.
- 14 We need to do some exercise. Swimming is a possibility or we **could** ..... go jogging in the mornings.
- 15 If you forget someone's birthday, you **should** ..... call them and say sorry.

### 2 Now write some examples of your own.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....