

# Grammar Reference with practice exercises

## UNIT 5

### ▶ 5.1 can/can't ▶ Ex. 1-2

*Can* and *can't* have the same form in all persons.  
There is no *do* or *does*.

*Can* is followed by the infinitive (without *to*).

She can swim.

He can't dance. NOT ~~He doesn't can dance.~~

### ▶ 5.2 was/were ▶ Ex. 3

*Was/Were* is the past of *am/is/are*.

#### Positive

I/He/She/It	was	in Paris yesterday.
We/You/They	were	in England last year.

#### Negative

I/He/She/It	wasn't	at school yesterday.
We/You/They	weren't	at the party last night.

#### Question

Where **were you** yesterday?

Was **he** at school? Yes, **he was**. / No, **he wasn't**.

⚠ We use *was/were* with *born*, not *am/is/are*.

Where were you born? NOT ~~Where are you born?~~

### ▶ 5.3 could/couldn't ▶ Ex. 1-2

*Could* is the past of *can*.

*Could* and *couldn't* have the same form in all persons.

*Could* is followed by the infinitive (without *to*).

#### Positive

I He/She/It We/You/They	could	swim.
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#### Negative

I He/She/It We/You/They	couldn't	dance.
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NOT ~~He didn't could dance.~~

#### Question

What	could	I he/she/it we/you/they	do?
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#### Yes/No questions

Could	you/she/they/etc.	drive? cook?
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#### Short answers

Yes, she could.  
Yes, they could.  
No, we couldn't.

NOT ~~Do you can drive?~~

## UNIT 5 EXERCISES

### 1 Correct the sentences.

- Tanya can sing, but she couldn't dance.  
Tanya can sing, but she can't dance.
- Mark could to swim two years ago, but he couldn't ride a bicycle.  
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- Do you can play tennis?  
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- What you can say in French?  
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- Could you to write your name when you were four?  
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### 2 Write sentences that are true for you. Use *can/can't* or *could/couldn't*.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ play an instrument.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ use a computer.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ fly a plane.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ cook.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ ride a bike when I was six.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ swim when I was two.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ speak two languages when I was eight.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ swim when I was seven.

### 3 Rewrite the sentences in the past. Use *was* or *were*.

- I'm in London. I was in London.
- They are at a party. \_\_\_\_\_
- Where are you? \_\_\_\_\_
- You aren't at school. \_\_\_\_\_
- She's at home. \_\_\_\_\_
- Are they in the restaurant? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where's David? \_\_\_\_\_
- We aren't at work. \_\_\_\_\_