

can and could

A



He **can** play the piano.

can + infinitive (**can do** / **can play** / **can come** etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it	can cannot (can't)	do play see come etc.
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can	I/we/you/they he/she/it	do? play? see? come? etc.
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B

I can do something = *I know how to do it or it is possible for me to do it:*

- I **can play** the piano. My brother **can play** the piano too.
- Sarah **can speak** Italian but she **can't speak** Spanish.
- 'Can you swim?' 'Yes, but I'm not a very good swimmer.'
- 'Can you change twenty pounds?' 'I'm sorry, I **can't**.'
- I'm having a party next week but Paul and Jenny **can't come**.

C

For the past (**yesterday** / **last week** etc.), we use **could/couldn't**:

- When I was young, I **could run** very fast.
- Before Anna came to Britain, she **couldn't understand** much English. Now she **can understand** everything.
- I was tired last night but I **couldn't sleep**.
- I had a party last week but Paul and Jenny **couldn't come**.

D

Can you ... ? Could you ... ? Can I ... ? Could I ... ?

We use **Can you ... ?** or **Could you ... ?** when we ask people to do things:

- **Can you** open the door, please? or **Could you** open the door, please?
- **Can you** wait a moment, please? or **Could you** wait ... ?

We use **Can I have ... ?** or **Could I have ... ?** to ask for something:

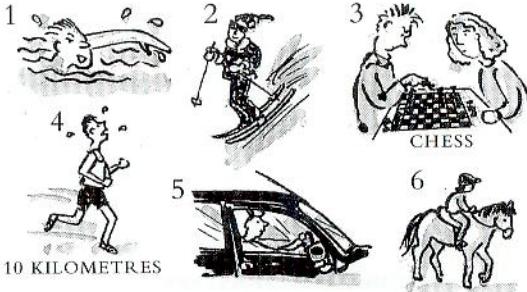
- (in a shop) **Can I have** these postcards, please? or **Could I have ... ?**

Can I ... ? or **Could I ... ?** = is it OK to do something?:

- Tom, **can I** borrow your umbrella? or Tom, **could I** borrow your umbrella?
- (on the phone) Hello, **can I** speak to Gerry, please? or ... **could I** speak ... ?

EXERCISES

31.1 Ask Steve if he can do these things:



1 Can you swim?
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Can you do these things? Write sentences about yourself. Use **I can** or **I can't**.

- 7 I 9 11
 8 10 12

31.2 Complete these sentences. Use **can** or **can't** + one of these verbs:

come find hear see speak

- 1 I'm sorry but we can't come to your party next Saturday.
 2 I like this hotel room. You the mountains from the window.
 3 You are speaking very quietly. I you.
 4 Have you seen my bag? I it.
 5 Catherine got the job because she five languages.

31.3 Complete these sentences. Use **can't** or **couldn't** + one of these verbs:

eat decide find go go sleep

- 1 I was tired but I couldn't sleep.....
 2 I wasn't hungry yesterday. I my dinner.
 3 Ann doesn't know what to do. She
 4 I wanted to speak to Martin yesterday but I him.
 5 Jim to the concert next Saturday. He has to work.
 6 Paula to the meeting last week. She was ill.

31.4 What do you say in these situations? Use **can** or **could**. Use the words in brackets (...).

<p>1 (open)</p> <p>Could you open the door, please?</p>	<p>2 (pass)</p> <p>SALT</p>	<p>3 (turn off)</p>
<p>4 (have)</p> <p>MENU</p>	<p>5 (give)</p> <p>PHONE NUMBERS</p>	<p>6 (borrow)</p>

must mustn't needn't

A



must + infinitive (must do / must see etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it	must	do stop go write etc.
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B

Use **must** when you think it is necessary to do something:

- The windows are very dirty. I **must clean** them.
- It's a fantastic film. You **must see** it.
- We **must go** to the bank today. We haven't got any money.

For the past (yesterday / last week etc.), we use **had to ... (not must)**:

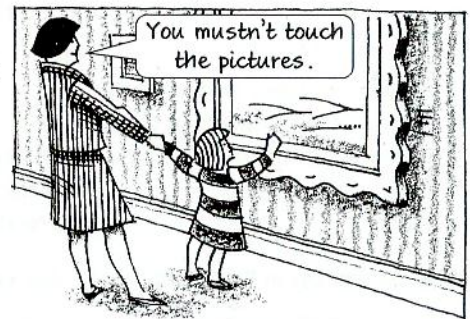
- We **had to go** to the bank yesterday. (not 'We must go ... yesterday')
- I **had to walk** home last night. There were no buses. (not 'I must walk')

C

mustn't (= must not)

I **mustn't** (do something) = it is necessary *not* to do it, it is the wrong thing to do:

- I **must hurry**. I **mustn't be** late.
- I **mustn't forget** to phone Julia.
(= I **must remember** to phone her)
- Be happy! You **mustn't be** sad. (= don't be sad)
- You **mustn't touch** the pictures.
(= don't touch the pictures)



D

needn't (= need not)

I **needn't** (do something) = it is *not necessary* to do it, I don't need to do it:

- I **needn't clean** the windows. They aren't very dirty.
- You **needn't go** to the bank today. I can give you some money.

You can also say **don't need to ... (= needn't)**:

- I **don't need to clean** the windows.
- You **don't need to go** to the bank today.

Compare **needn't** and **mustn't**:

- You **needn't go**. You can stay here if you want.
- You **mustn't go**. You must stay here.

EXERCISES

32.1 Complete the sentences. Use **must** + one of these verbs:

be go go learn meet wash win

- 1 We must go to the bank today. We haven't got any money.
- 2 Marilyn is a very interesting person. You her.
- 3 My hands are dirty. I them.
- 4 You to drive. It will be very useful.
- 5 I to the post office. I need some stamps.
- 6 The game tomorrow is very important for us. We
- 7 You can't always have things immediately. You patient.

32.2 Put in **I must** or **I had to**.

- 1 I had to go to the bank yesterday to get some money.
- 2 It's late. go now.
- 3 I don't usually work on Saturdays but last Saturday work.
- 4 get up early tomorrow. I've got a lot to do.
- 5 I went to London by train last week. The train was full and stand all the way.
- 6 I was nearly late for my appointment this morning. run to get there on time.
- 7 I forgot to phone David yesterday. phone him later today.

32.3 Complete the sentences. Use **mustn't** or **needn't** + one of these verbs:

clean forget hurry lose wait write

- 1 The windows aren't very dirty. You needn't clean them.
- 2 We have a lot of time. We
- 3 Keep these documents in a safe place. You them.
- 4 I'm not ready yet but you for me. You can go now and I'll come later.
- 5 We to turn off the lights before we leave.
- 6 I the letter now. I can do it tomorrow.

Find the sentences with the same meaning.

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| 1 We can leave the meeting early. |
| 2 We must leave the meeting early. |
| 3 We mustn't leave the meeting early. |
| 4 We needn't leave the meeting early. |
| 5 We had to leave the meeting early. |

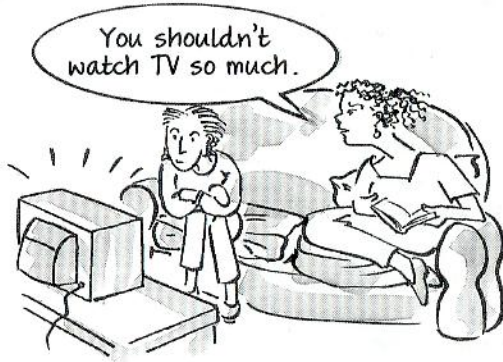
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| A We must stay until the end. | 1 <u>D</u> |
| B We couldn't stay until the end. | 2 |
| C We can't stay until the end. | 3 |
| D We needn't stay until the end. | 4 |
| E We can stay until the end. | 5 |

32.5 Put in **must** / **had to** / **mustn't** / **needn't**.

- 1 You needn't go. You can stay here if you want.
- 2 It's a fantastic film. You must see it.
- 3 We've got enough food, so we go shopping.
- 4 We didn't have any food yesterday, so we go shopping.
- 5 I want to know what happened. You tell me.
- 6 You tell Sue what happened. I don't want her to know.
- 7 I hurry or I'll be late.
- 8 'Why were you so late?' 'I wait half an hour for a bus.'
- 9 We decide now. We can decide later.

should

A



should + infinitive (should do / should watch etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it	} should shouldn't	do stop go watch etc.
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B

(You) **should** do something = it is a good thing to do, it is the right thing to do:

- Tom **should go** to bed earlier. He goes to bed very late and he's always tired.
- It's a good film. You **should go** and see it.
- When you play tennis, you **should** always **watch** the ball.

C

(You) **shouldn't** do something = it is *not* a good thing to do. **Shouldn't** = should not:

- Tom **shouldn't go** to bed so late.
- You watch TV all the time. You **shouldn't watch** TV so much.

D

We often use **think** with **should**:

I think ... should ... :

- **I think** Carol **should buy** some new clothes.
(= I think it is a good idea.)
- It's late. **I think I should go** home now.
- A: Shall I buy this coat?
B: Yes, I **think you should**.

I don't think ... should ... :

- **I don't think** you **should work** so hard.
(= I don't think it is a good idea.)
- **I don't think** we **should go** yet. It's too early.

Do you think ... should ... ?:

- **Do you think** I **should buy** this hat?
- What time **do you think** we **should go** home?



E

Must is stronger than **should**:

- It's a **good** film. You **should** go and see it.
- It's a **fantastic** film. You **must** go and see it.

F

Another way to say **should ...** is **ought to ...** :

- It's a good film. You **ought to go** and see it. (= you should go)
- I think Carol **ought to buy** some new clothes. (= Carol should buy)

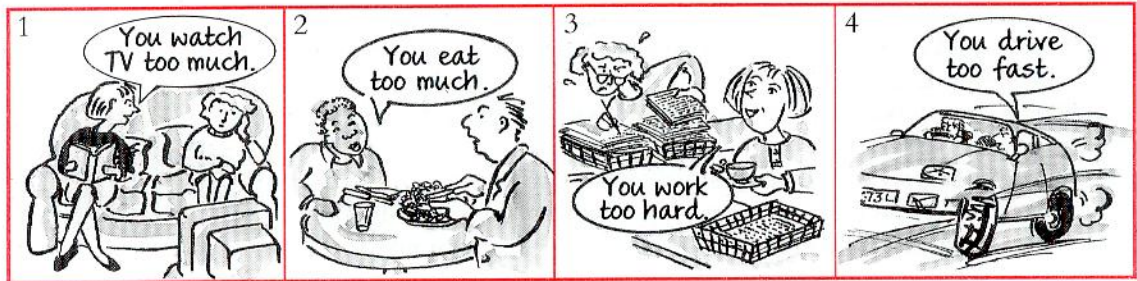
EXERCISES

33.1 Complete the sentences. Use **you should** + one of these verbs:

clean go take visit watch wear

- 1 When you play tennis, you should watch the ball.
- 2 It's late and you're very tired. to bed.
- 3 your teeth twice a day.
- 4 If you have time, the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- 5 When you're driving, a seat belt.
- 6 It's too far to walk from here to the station. a taxi.

33.2 Write about the people in the pictures. Use **He/She shouldn't ... so ...**



- 1 She shouldn't watch TV so much.
- 2 He
- 3 hard.
- 4

33.3 You ask a friend for advice. Write questions with **Do you think I should ... ?**

- 1 You are in a shop. You are trying on a jacket. (buy?)
You ask your friend: Do you think I should buy this jacket?
- 2 You can't drive. (learn?)
You ask your friend: Do you think
- 3 You don't like your job. (get another job?)
You ask your friend:
- 4 You are going to have a party. (invite Gary?)
You ask your friend:

33.4 Write sentences with **I think ... should ...** or **I don't think ... should ...**

- 1 It's late. (go home now) I think we should go home now.
- 2 That coat is too big for you. (buy it) I don't think you should buy it.
- 3 You don't need your car. (sell it)
- 4 Diane needs a rest. (have a holiday)
- 5 Sally and Colin are too young. (get married)
- 6 You're not well this morning. (go to work)
- 7 James isn't well today. (go to the doctor)
- 8 The hotel is too expensive for us. (stay there)

33.5 What do you think? Write sentences with **should**.

- 1 I think everybody should learn another language.
- 2 I think everybody
- 3 I think
- 4 I don't think
- 5 I think I should

I have to ...

A



I have to do something = it is necessary for me to do it, I am obliged to do it

I/we/you/they	have	to do
he/she/it	has	to work
		to go
		to wear etc.

- I'll be late for work tomorrow. I **have to go** to the dentist.
- Jill starts work at 7 o'clock, so she **has to get up** at 6.
- You **have to pass** a test before you can get a driving licence.

B

The past (**yesterday / last week** etc.) is **had to** ... :

- I was late for work yesterday. I **had to go** to the dentist.
- We **had to walk** home last night. There were no buses.

C

In questions and negatives we use **do/does** (present) and **did** (past):

present

do	I/we/you/they	have to ... ?
does	he/she/it	

I/we/you/they	don't	have to ...
he/she/it	doesn't	

past

did	I/we/you/they he/she/it	have to ... ?
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I/we/you/they he/she/it	didn't have to ...
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- What time **do you have to go** to the dentist tomorrow?
- **Does Jill have to work** on Sundays?
- Why **did they have to leave** the party early?

I **don't have to** (do something) = it is *not* necessary to do it:

- I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to get up** early.
- Ian **doesn't have to work** very hard. He's got an easy job.
- We **didn't have to wait** very long for the bus.

D

must and **have to**

Use **must** or **have to** when you say what *you* think is necessary, when you give *your* opinion:

- It's a fantastic film. You **must** see it. *or* You **have** to see it.

When you are *not* giving your personal opinion, use **have to** (*not must*):

- Jill won't be at work this afternoon. She **has to go** to the doctor. (this is not my personal opinion – it is a fact)
- In many countries, men **have to** do military service. (this is not my opinion – it is the law in those countries)

EXERCISES

34.1 Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **has to** + one of these verbs:

do read speak travel wear

- 1 My eyes are not very good. I have to wear glasses.
- 2 At the end of the course all the students a test.
- 3 Mary is studying literature. She a lot of books.
- 4 Albert doesn't understand much English. You very slowly to him.
- 5 Kate is not often at home. She a lot in her job.

34.2 Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **had to** + one of these verbs:

answer buy change go walk

- 1 We had to walk home last night. There were no buses.
- 2 It's late. I now. I'll see you tomorrow.
- 3 I went to the supermarket after work yesterday. I some food.
- 4 This train doesn't go all the way to London. You at Bristol.
- 5 We did an exam yesterday. We six questions out of ten.

34.3 Complete the questions. Some are present and some are past.

- 1 I have to get up early tomorrow.
- 2 George had to wait a long time.
- 3 Liz has to go somewhere.
- 4 We had to pay a lot of money.
- 5 I have to do some work.

- What time do you have to get up?
- 1 How long ?
 - 2 Where ?
 - 3 How much ?
 - 4 What exactly ?

34.4 Write sentences with **don't/doesn't/didn't have to** ...

- 1 Why are you going out? You don't have to go out.
- 2 Why is Ann waiting? She
- 3 Why did you get up early? You
- 4 Why is Paul working so hard? He
- 5 Why do you want to leave now? We

34.5 Which is correct? Sometimes **must** and **have to** are both correct.

- 1 It's a great film. You must see / have to see it. both are correct
- 2 In many countries, men ~~must do~~ / have to do military service. have to do is correct
- 3 You can't park your car here for nothing. You must pay / have to pay.
- 4 I didn't have any money with me last night, so I must borrow / had to borrow some.
- 5 I eat too much chocolate. I really must stop / have to stop.
- 6 'Why is Paula going now?' 'She must meet / has to meet somebody.'
- 7 What's wrong? You must tell / have to tell me. I want to help you.

34.6 Write some things that you (or your friends or family) have to do or had to do.

- 1 (every day) I have to travel ten miles every day.
- 2 (every day)
- 3 (tomorrow)
- 4 (yesterday)

Would you like ... ?

I'd like ...

A Would you like ... ? = Do you want ... ?

We use **Would you like ... ?** to offer things:

- A: **Would you like** some coffee?
B: No, thank you.
- A: **Would you like** a chocolate?
B: Yes, please.
- A: What **would you like**, tea or coffee?
B: Tea, please.



We use **Would you like to ... ?** to invite somebody:

- **Would you like to go** for a walk?
- A: **Would you like to have** dinner with us on Sunday?
B: Yes, **I'd love to.** (= I would love to have dinner with you)
- What **would you like to do** this evening?

B I'd like ... is a polite way to say 'I want'. I'd like = I would like:

- I'm thirsty. **I'd like** a drink.
- (in a tourist office) **I'd like** some information about hotels, please.
- **I'd like to see** the film on television this evening.

C Would you like ... ? and Do you like ... ?

Would you like ... ? / I'd like ...



Would you like some tea? = Do you want some tea?

- A: **Would you like** to go to the cinema tonight? (= Do you want to go tonight?)
B: Yes, I'd love to.
- **I'd like** an orange, please. (= Can I have an orange?)
- What **would you like** to do next weekend?

Do you like ... ? / I like ...









Do you like tea? = Do you think tea is nice?

- A: **Do you like** going to the cinema? (in general)
B: Yes, I go to the cinema a lot.
- **I like** oranges. (in general)
- What **do you like** to do at weekends?

EXERCISES

35.1 What are the people in the pictures saying? Use **Would you like ... ?**

<p>1</p> <p>Would you like a chocolate?</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> 

35.2 What do you say to Sue in these situations? Use **Would you like to ... ?**

- You want to go to the cinema tonight. Perhaps Sue will go with you. (go)
You say: Would you like to go to the cinema tonight?
- You want to play tennis tomorrow. Perhaps Sue will play too. (play)
You say:
- You've got some holiday photographs. Sue hasn't seen them yet. (see)
You say:
- You have an extra ticket for a concert next week. Perhaps Sue will go. (go)
You say:
- It's raining and Sue is going out. She hasn't got an umbrella but you have one. (borrow)
You say:

35.3 Which is right?

- Do you like / Would you like a chocolate? 'Yes, please.' Would you like is right
- Do you like / Would you like bananas? 'Yes, I love them.'
- Do you like / Would you like an ice-cream? 'No, thank you.'
- What do you like / would you like to drink? 'A glass of water, please.'
- Do you like / Would you like to go out for a walk? 'Not now. Perhaps later.'
- I like / I'd like tomatoes but I don't eat them very often.
- What time do you like / would you like to have dinner this evening?
- Do you like / Would you like something to eat? 'No, thanks. I'm not hungry.'
- Do you like / Would you like your new job? 'Yes, I'm enjoying it.'
- I'm tired. I like / I'd like to go to sleep now.