

ATIVIDADE 13

Tema: Famous people skills: Can and could

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MODAL VERBS

CAN

 Offer

Can I be of any help?

 Permission (give and ask)

You can put over there.

 Ability (present)

I can drive a car.

COULD

 Suggestion (more polite)

We could write a letter to the president.

 Permission (more polite)

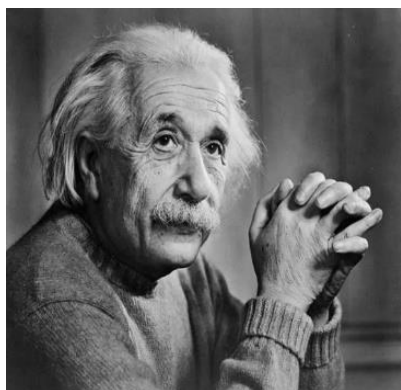
Could I ask you a personal question? (ask)

 Ability (past)

When I was a child, I could spoke Germany.

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Let's read some texts and do some exercises!



Albert Einstein was born on March 14, 1879 and he died on April 18, 1955. He found school too difficult. He could not get good grades in chemistry, French and biology. Although he was excellent at math and physics. He developed the special and general theories of relativity and won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921 for his explanation of the photoelectric effect.

Picture Disponível em: <https://www.hypeness.com.br/2019/04/no-aniversario-da-morte-de-albert-einstein-mergulhe-na-vida-e-obra-da-mente-mais-brilhante-da-ciencia-moderna/> Acesso em 20 de jul. de 2021.

1. Mark an X TRUE or FALSE according to the text. (Marque um X no verdadeiro ou falso de acordo com o texto.)

	TRUE	FALSE
a) Albert Einstein was 76 years old when he died.		
b) Albert could learn French perfectly.		
c) He could not win a prize.		
d) He got great grades in all subjects.		



Michael Jackson was known as the "King of Pop," he was a best-selling American singer, songwriter and dancer. He could dance and sing very well. As a child, Jackson became the lead singer of his family's popular Motown group, the Jackson 5.

Picture - Disponível em: <https://observatoriodocinema.uol.com.br/famosos/2020/08/snoop-dogg-quebra-a-internet-com-video-bizarro-para-michael-jackson> Acesso em 02 de set. de 2020.



Ed Sheeran was born on February 17, 1991, in the United Kingdom. When he was young, he began playing the guitar, showing early promise as a musical talent. Now, he can play the guitar and sing very well.

Disponível em: <https://www.biography.com/musician/ed-sheeran> Acesso em 02 de set. de 2020.

2. Read the texts about Michael Jackson and Ed Sheeran. Then, answer these questions in English.

- a) Who could dance and sing very well?
- b) Who can sing and play the guitar very well?
- c) What was Michael's nickname?
- d) When did Ed Sheeran begin playing the guitar?

3. Match the columns. (Associe as colunas.)

- a) Who was born on February 17, 1991? () Yes, he did.
- b) Who was known as the "King of Pop"? () Yes, he could.
- c) Did Michael Jackson become the lead singer of his family's popular group? () Yes, he can.
- d) Could Michael Jackson sing very well? () Michael Jackson was known as the "King of Pop".
- e) Can Ed Sheeran play the guitar? () Ed Sheeran was born on February 17, 1991.

4. Based on the texts about Michael Jackson and Ed Sheeran, write a small text about a famous artist or singer. (Com base nos textos sobre Michael Jackson e Ed Sheeran, escreva um pequeno texto sobre um artista ou cantor famoso.)



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5. According to the comic strip, what does the boy think he can do?

- a) () He thinks he can play the guitar very well.
- b) () He thinks he can play when it is snowy.
- c) () He thinks he can put the ball through the hoop.
- d) () He thinks he can stop the snow.

6. Unscramble the words and make sentences. (Desembaralhe as palavras para formar sentenças.)

CAN – SHE – THE – PIANO – PLAY

A – COULD – THEY – HORSE – RIDE

7. Complete the sentences with CAN or COULD according to the pictures.



a) Peter is a swimmer. He _____ swim very well.

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b) Maria loves cooking. When she was 15 years old, she learned how to make cakes. She _____ make delicious cakes when she 15.

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8. Identifique o valor semântico (sentido atribuído às palavras mediante o seu contexto) dos verbos CAN e COULD nas orações do diálogo.

- a) You **can use** my calculator.
- b) Sophia **can ride** a bike very well.
- c) **Could I** use your notebook?
- d) Peter **could ride** a horse when he was 11 years old.

9. Make questions to the answers.

a) _____ ?

Yes, Beethoven could play the piano very well when he was 8 years old.

b) _____ ?

Yes, Bruno Mars can sing very well.

10. Complete the sentences with CAN / CAN'T / COULD or COULDN'T.

- a) You _____ park your car here. It is forbidden.
- b) Mayara is a great singer, so she _____ sing very well.
- c) When Paulo was 8 years old, he was a great swimmer. So, he _____ swim very well.
- d) Michael Jackson was a great singer. He wasn't a soccer player. So, he _____ play soccer.