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StartUp 6

Grammar

Unit6 – Lesson3

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MATCH THE SENTENCES HALVES.

1. **In the past, they couldn't imagine traveling to space,**
2. **You can learn a new language**
3. **They couldn't stream movies online decades ago,**

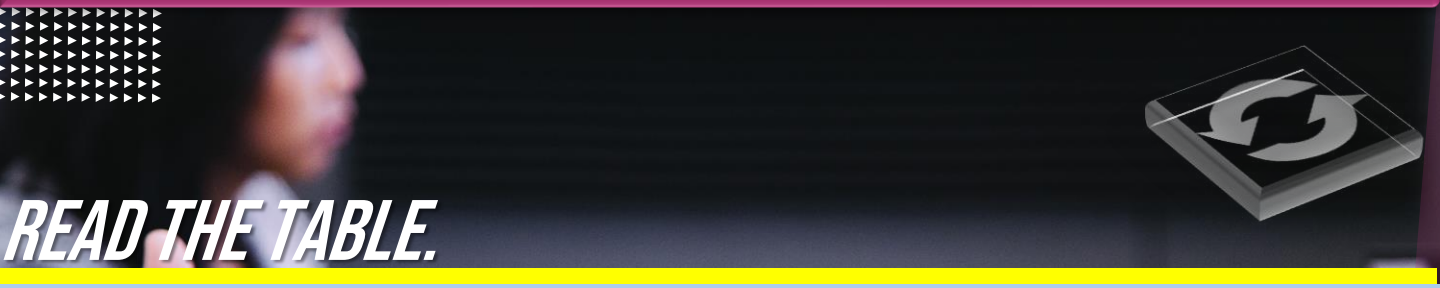
a) with dedication and practice.
b) but now they can enjoy entertainment with just a few clicks.
c) but now they can send astronauts to explore the cosmos.

Complete the rule:

We sometimes use can / can't to talk about something that is generally true in the present and could / couldn't to talk about something that is generally true in the past. In both cases, we can use you or they as the subjects.

Present the sentences and ask for the Ss' opinions to answer the questions.

Have your Ss read the sentences aloud. Recap any tips if necessary.



READ THE TABLE.

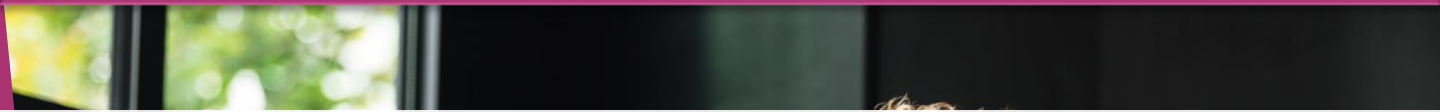
We sometimes use *can / can't* to talk about something that is generally true in the present and *could / couldn't* to talk about something that is generally true in the past. In both cases, we can use *you* or *they* as the subjects.

In large cities, **you can** get cuisine from all different parts of the world.
They can't serve horse meat in restaurants in the US.
In years past, you **could** rarely find fresh fruit in winter.
Not so long ago, **you couldn't** get real Thai food ingredients outside of Thailand.

Notes

- Use *you* for people in general.
- Use *they* for people in authority, such as business owners, people in government, and people in charge of organizations.

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A Complete the conversations with *can*, *can't*, *could*, or *couldn't* and the words in parentheses.

1. **A:** Is smoking permitted in this restaurant?
   B: No, absolutely not. You can't smoke (you / smoke) in any restaurants in this city.
2. **A:** Is it possible to order this dish without meat?
   B: Yes, of course. _____ (they / make) a vegetarian version.
3. **A:** Is fresh fruit available in the winter?
   B: Yes, _____ (you / get) all kinds of fresh fruit then.
4. **A:** Is there a Thai or Vietnamese restaurant around here?
   B: No, but _____ (you / find) many other international restaurants nearby.
5. **A:** Did the farmer's market have a lot of good vegetables?
   B: Not really. Unfortunately, _____ (they / grow) many crops last month because of the drought.
6. **A:** This town has a lot of really good Indian restaurants. Has it always been this way?
   B: No, not at all. Just a few years ago, _____ (you / have) Indian food unless you drove all the way to the city.

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Oral Practice



Practice different forms of grammar by providing the context to Ss and having them produce sentences individually.

Ask your students to do the task in a couple of minutes.



B MAKE IT PERSONAL Write sentences about restaurants where you live. Use *you* or *they* with *can / can't*, *could / couldn't* to express general truths.

1. You can find cuisine from all over the world in my city.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Create breakout rooms to have the Ss share their ideas. Give FEEDBACK right after.

IN PAIRS!

Share what you have written and add more details.



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