

COULD, COULDN'T

[Exercise 1]

Complete the following sentences with **could** or **couldn't**.

Example:

When I was young, I _____ play the guitar: it was too difficult for me.

Answer:

When I was young, I **couldn't** play the guitar: it was too difficult for me.

1. My school friend _____ understand me without words.
2. I _____ help you with your problem at that time but I am too busy nowadays.
3. Nick _____ say a word in Chinese when he arrived in Beijing for the first time. Now, he speaks Chinese quite fluently.
4. Sorry that I _____ come to your party.
5. We _____ take you with us. All five places in our car were occupied by other people.
6. Peter _____ hear everything that was going on behind the wall. Now, he is a prime witness to the crime.
7. Dora _____ ride a bike when she was a child. Now, she needs some time to recollect how to do it properly.
8. The students _____ believe that the horrible exam was over and they all passed it successfully.
9. Ryan _____ never refuse her. He did everything as she asked.
10. The situation _____ change much because Andrew didn't do anything to improve it.
11. We _____ see a lot of beautiful paintings at the art gallery last Sunday. Now, we understand how talented this artist is.

12. Timothy _____ hold a spider in his hands when he was a child. Now, he can't even look at it.
13. I _____ visit you yesterday. I was too busy.
14. Linda _____ repair things on her own when she was a student. Nowadays, she always goes to the service center if she needs some repairs.
15. Little Tommy _____ jump high when he was eight because he was a bit overweight.

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A N S W E R S

1. could.
2. could.
3. couldn't.
4. couldn't.
5. couldn't.
6. could.
7. could.
8. couldn't.
9. could.
10. couldn't.
11. could.
12. could.
13. couldn't.
14. could.
15. couldn't.