

Permission: can, could

1 Complete the text with *can, can't, could, or couldn't*.

In the past, museums weren't as much fun for kids as they are now. There were very strict rules. Children couldn't touch the objects in the museum. They could look, but only from behind glass. Museums were very quiet places, too, and you ¹_____ talk very loudly. It's true that you ²_____ learn a lot, but museums just weren't very interesting. Nowadays, they are much more hands-on. Usually children ³_____ touch at least some of the objects. They ⁴_____ try out some of the machines and learn how they work. And they ⁵_____ talk and laugh with their friends, too.

Permission: be allowed to

2 Look at the information about Fay. Then write sentences using the correct forms of *be allowed to*.

	Last year	Now	Next year
Walk to school alone	✓	✓	✓
Go shopping in town with a friend	✗	✓	✓
Go out in the evening with a friend	✗	✗	✓
Go on vacation with a friend	✗	✗	✗

last year / walk to school alone

Last year Fay was allowed to walk to school alone.

1 now / go shopping in town with a friend

2 now / go on vacation with a friend

3 next year / go out in the evening with a friend

4 next year / go on vacation with a friend

3 Complete the text with *can / can't, could / couldn't, or the correct forms of be allowed to*.

Brat Camp

Two years ago Tom was a very difficult child, so his Mom sent him to a "Brat Camp": a summer camp for difficult kids. Tom says, "It was very strict. We didn't do anything on our own. We

couldn't go out for walks on our own, and we ¹_____ to use our cell phones, so I didn't talk to any of my friends. We had lessons all morning, and sport in the afternoons." Eddie Crow, who runs the camp, says, "Some parents aren't strict enough with their kids. The kids ²_____ to do whatever they want. We teach kids that there are limits." For Tom, the camp worked well. "As my behavior improved, I ³_____ to do more things on my own." Tom is a much happier child now. "I respect my mom a lot more now. Brat camp definitely worked for me."

used to

4 Complete the conversation with the correct forms of *used to* and the verbs, or short answers.

Jenna What was your old school like, Mia?

Mia Oh, it was quite different. We used to start at eight o'clock in the morning, but school used to finish (finish) quite early too.

Jenna Really? ¹_____ (wear) a uniform at your old school?

Mia No, ²_____. We could wear whatever we wanted. I ³_____ (go) to school in jeans most days.

Jenna And what subjects

⁴_____ (study)?

Mia All the usual subjects, like here. But I ⁵_____ (not study)

Spanish. I study it now, and I really like it.

5 Read the sentences and correct the mistakes. Two sentences are correct.

I'm sorry, my mom says I couldn't come to the party tonight. can't

1 When I was younger, I didn't allowed to watch horror movies. _____

2 I hope I be allowed to go on vacation with my friends next year. _____

3 It's not fair! Everyone else is allowed go out, but I'm not! _____

4 We're allowed to take drinks into class with us. _____

5 My grandparents used to live in Canada. _____

6 My brother didn't used to enjoy math. _____

7 Did they use live near here? _____