

Permission: can, could

1 Choose the correct answers.

My mom says I **can't** / couldn't go to the party tonight.

- I **can't** / couldn't go to the store on my own when I was eight years old.
- My dad **can** / could walk to school alone when he was young.
- I **can** / could stay up later now that I'm older.
- My little sister **can** / could ride her bike in the park now, but not on the road.
- Women **can't** / couldn't work as doctors in the past.

2 Complete the sentences with can, can't, could, or couldn't.

I'm sorry, sir, you **can't** take photos here.

- We _____ park by the beach because there was a "No Parking" sign.
- Yes, you _____ bring your dog in here – we love animals!
- The roads were safer when my dad was young, so he _____ ride his bike to school.
- It's a lovely beach, but we _____ go on it because it's private!
- Women _____ vote in elections 200 years ago.

Permission: be allowed to

3 Complete the forms of be allowed to.

When I was young, I **wasn't allowed** walk to school on my own, but I can now.

- You _____ download music without paying for it – it's against the law!
- I hope I _____ go to the concert next month.
- Jack and Tim _____ go on vacation with their friends last year because their parents thought they were too young.
- No, I _____ go with you next week – my parents think it's too dangerous!
- John's parents aren't strict at all – John _____ do whatever he wants!

4 Complete the second sentence using the correct form of be allowed to.

Martin can go into town on his own.

Martin **is allowed to go** into town on his own.

- I couldn't go on vacation with my friends last year.
I _____ on vacation with my friends last year.
- I hope my parents will say I can get a Saturday job.
I hope I _____ a Saturday job.
- We can't use our cell phones in class.
We _____ our cell phones in class.
- They won't let me watch that movie – it's for people over eighteen.
I _____ that movie.
- I was really happy because my parents said I could go to the party.
I was really happy because I _____ to the party.

used to

5 Choose the correct answers.

We used to **live** / living in Chicago.

- He didn't **used** / use to like soccer.
- My dad used **go** / to go cycling every weekend.
- I **don't** / didn't use to get up early.
- He **used to work** / used work in a bank.
- I didn't **use to do** / used to do well in exams.

6 Rearrange the words to write questions.

Then write the short answers.

Mike / to / live / in / that / house / did / use / ? ✓

Did Mike use to live in that house?

Yes, he did

- your / grandpa / be / a / teacher / did / to / use / ? ✗

- your / parents / use / be / very / to / did / strict / ? ✗

- you / play / soccer / use / with / your / friends / did / to / ? ✓
