

Can or Could | Grammar Exercise

Fill in the blanks with can or could. In some cases, they are both possible.

1. I ask you something?

Can

Could

Either could be used here

2. She said I come as often as I liked.

can

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3. Jack not go to work yesterday because he was ill.

can

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4. He borrow my car, if she asked.

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could

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5. I her, if I had wanted to.

could marry

could have married

can marry

6. you lend me some pounds until tomorrow?

Can

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7. When I was a child, I play whenever I wanted to.

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8. 'Where is John?' He be in the

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garden.

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9. It was a place where anything
happen.

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10. I not understand anything
she said.

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11. You get a better job if you
speak English.

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12. War break out any day.

can

could

Either could be used here

Answers

1. Can / Could I ask you something?
2. She said I could come as often as I liked.
3. Jack could not go to work yesterday because he was ill.
4. He could borrow my car, if she asked.
5. I could have married her, if I had wanted to.
6. Can / Could you lend me some pounds until tomorrow?
7. When I was a child, I could play whenever I wanted to.
8. 'Where is John?' He could be in the garden.
9. It was a place where anything could happen.
10. I could not understand anything she said.
11. You can get a better job if you speak English.
12. War can / could break out any day.