ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# CAN and COULD MCQ Grammar Quiz – Test – Exercise

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## Explanations

**1.** I know how to speak English and German. I _____ speak two languages.
✔ **B) can**
We use **can** for things we are able to do now. The speaker knows two languages, so **I can speak two languages**.

**2.** (A) Can he swim?

(B) Yes, he _____.
✔ **A) can**
A short answer uses the same word as the question. **Can he swim? → Yes, he can.**

**3.** I don’t know where to park my car. Where _____ my car?
✔ **C) can I park**
In a question, **can** comes before the subject: **Where can I park my car?** Not **I can park**, because that word order is for normal sentences.

**4.** I don’t understand this math problem. Can he _____ me?
✔ **B) help**
After **can**, use the base verb with no **-s** or **-ing**: **Can he help me?**

**5.** He _____ run very fast last year, but now he can.
✔ **A) couldn’t**
**Last year** is in the past, so we use **couldn't** (past of **can't**): **He couldn't run fast last year, but now he can.**

**6.** (A) Do you think that they can cook well?

(B) Yes, I _____.
✔ **C) do**
The main question is **Do you think…?**, so the short answer uses **do**: **Yes, I do.** Not **can**, because the question asks what you think, not what you can do.

**7.** _____ remember everything our teacher said yesterday?
✔ **B) Can you**
A question needs **can** + subject + verb: **Can you remember…?** Not **Could** alone, because there is no subject (**you**).

**8.** He is late again! Why _____ he arrive on time?
✔ **C) can’t**
He is late, so he is not able to come on time. We ask **Why can't he arrive on time?** to show we are unhappy.

**9.** _____ find some information about travelling in Europe?
✔ **C) Where can I**
In a question, the word order is **Where** + **can** + subject: **Where can I find…?**

**10.** I was late for class last Thursday because I _____ start my car.
✔ **A) couldn’t**
**Last Thursday** is in the past, and the car did not start, so we use **couldn't**: **I couldn't start my car.**

**11.** I need someone to teach my class. _____ you _____ my class?
✔ **A) Can / teach**
After **can** or **could**, use the base verb: **Can you teach my class?** Not **teaches** or **teaching**.

**12.** I’m very sorry, but I don’t think I _____ you.
✔ **A) can help**
**I don't think** is already negative, so the next verb is positive: **I don't think I can help you.** Not **can't help**, because that makes two negatives.

**13.** The company is looking for a person who _____.
✔ **B) can work hard**
A company wants a good worker, so it looks for a person who **can work hard**.

**14.** (A) Can she _____?

(B) No, she can’t right now.
✔ **B) answer the phone**
After **can**, use the base verb: **Can she answer the phone?** Not **answers** or **answering**.

**15.** They couldn’t speak English very well before, but now _____.
✔ **C) they can**
**Now** shows the present, and this is a normal sentence, not a question: **now they can**. Not **can they**, because that is question word order.

**16.** Excuse me. _____ find the manager of the shipping department?
✔ **C) Where can I**
A question needs **Where** + **can** + subject: **Where can I find the manager?** Not **Where can**, because the subject **I** is missing.