

# Could / Would Worksheet

Grade 6 Grammar & Vocabulary Modal verbs

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## COULD

Ability / possibility

Could shows ability or possibility in the past or in an imagined situation.

**Meaning:** Could is the past tense of can, and we also use it to talk about possibilities or abilities.

### Examples

- I could swim when I was 5. (*past ability*)
- If I had time, I could help you. (*possibility*)

**Student tip:** Use could when you are talking about something that might happen, or something you were able to do.

## WOULD

Decision / intention

Would shows a decision or intention in a situation that depends on something.

**Meaning:** Would is the past tense of will, and we use it to talk about what someone wants to do, or would do if something else happens.

### Examples

- I would travel if I had money. (*I want to, but I do not have money.*)
- She said she would call me. (*past decision / intention*)

**Student tip:** Use would when you are imagining something or talking about what you want to do if something is true.

## COMPARE

WORD	USED FOR	EXAMPLE
Could	Ability / Possibility	I could speak French when I was young.
Would	Decision / Imaginary situations	I would buy that car if I had money.

**If I had a car, I could drive to the beach.** It is possible; I have the ability.

**If I had a car, I would drive to the beach.** I want to do it; I am making a decision.