

Negative Sentences with "can/could"

Grammar worksheet · 20 sentences · A2-B1



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Write the right form in each gap.

WORDS TO CHOOSE FROM

can't · couldn't

1. She _____ find her way home in the dark that night.
2. Sarah _____ stop crying after watching the sad movie last night.
3. We _____ eat ice cream because we have lactose intolerance.
4. The team _____ win the championship without their star player that season.
5. Mary _____ eat seafood due to her allergies, so she always checks the menu.
6. I _____ go out after dark without my glasses, and my eyes are getting worse.
7. She _____ see anything in the dark room, so she is looking for the switch.
8. They _____ understand each other at the first meeting because of the language barrier.
9. You _____ rely on him to finish the project on time.
10. He _____ stand the taste of cilantro, so he picks it out of every dish.
11. The teacher _____ find her grade book anywhere yesterday.
12. They _____ open the jammed door, so they went around the back.
13. The laptop _____ connect to the server while the network was down.
14. I _____ eat spicy food when I was pregnant.
15. He _____ swim in deep water because he's afraid.
16. They _____ sleep well all last week because of the noisy neighbors.
17. They _____ solve the difficult puzzle that evening.
18. We _____ hear the music from our room because the door was shut.
19. The bird _____ fly long distances without getting tired after the storm.
20. She _____ play the piano at a very young age, but she learned fast.

Answers

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| 1. couldn't | 11. couldn't |
| 2. couldn't | 12. couldn't |
| 3. can't | 13. couldn't |
| 4. couldn't | 14. couldn't |
| 5. can't | 15. can't |
| 6. can't | 16. couldn't |
| 7. can't | 17. couldn't |
| 8. couldn't | 18. couldn't |
| 9. can't | 19. couldn't |
| 10. can't | 20. couldn't |

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