

## would / could / should (1)

*would, could* and *should* are parts of a verb. No other words in English contain *-ould* with the same sound and spelling. Learn them together and always think of them as a threesome. Note that the *l* is silent.

- would not could not should not*  
are often shortened to *wouldn't couldn't shouldn't*
- I would he would she would it would we would you would they would*

### A Fill in the blanks (*would / could / should*)

- I \_\_\_\_\_ be grateful if you \_\_\_\_\_ send me your catalogue.
- Please \_\_\_\_\_ you collect your parcel from the Parcels Office?
- "If I had a bike, I \_\_\_\_\_ get there quicker."
- "I know I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the meeting, but I don't feel like it."
- "I \_\_\_\_\_ if I \_\_\_\_\_, but I can't!"
- "If you \_\_\_\_\_ move over, I \_\_\_\_\_ sit down!"

### B Fill in the blanks (*wouldn't / couldn't / shouldn't*)

- She \_\_\_\_\_ go swimming because her leg was in plaster.
- "You \_\_\_\_\_ do that if the boss was here!"
- "Sorry to have kept you waiting, but it \_\_\_\_\_ be long now."
- "\_\_\_\_\_ you do that later? Your dinner's getting cold."
- "She \_\_\_\_\_ come, even if I begged her."
- "You \_\_\_\_\_ be doing that - not in your spare time."

### C Song titles

This is the first line of a song. Fill in the blank and give the title.

"What \_\_\_\_\_ you do if I sang out of tune.....?"

Think of some more song titles or first lines which contain *would/wouldn't, could/couldn't, or should/shouldn't*.

Here lies John Bunn  
Who was killed by a gun.  
His name wasn't Bunn,  
But Wood.  
But Wood  
Wouldn't rhyme with gun  
And Bunn would.

### D Finish the sentence

Make up some sentences beginning with this phrase:

He couldn't organise.....

### WRITING

- Write your reply to a formal wedding or party invitation.
- Write a piece starting: If I could have my time over again.....