

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.....