

CAN / COULD

Ability (<i>schopnost</i>)	I can swim. I can't see it.	I could do it. I couldn't find it.
Request (<i>žádost</i>)	Can you help me?	Could you help me?
Permission (<i>povolení</i>)	Can I touch the amulet?	Could I see a friend?

Přítomný čas (present simple): **can, could** (někdy v otázce)

minulý čas (past simple): **could**

1. Use the words in brackets. Rewrite the sentences.

You want to have some cheese. (*could*)

Could I have some cheese?

You ask your teacher to tell you the time. (*could*)

_____?

You ask a friend to help you to carry some books. (*can*)

_____?

You want to have a party. Ask your mum. (*could*)

_____?

You want to use a stranger's mobile phone. (*could*)

_____?

You ask your friend to help you with your homework. (*can*)

_____?

2. Complete the sentences. Use can or could and the verbs in brackets.

When they got to the cave, Max and Holly _____ (not see) in the dark.

Holly _____ (not read) Egyptian hieroglyphs when she was a child.

But now she _____ (understand) Egyptian hieroglyphs.

I _____ (not understand) English four years ago.

I _____ (speak) English now, but I _____ (not speak) Egyptian.

3. Choose can/can't or could/couldn't.

_____ you speak English now?

Yes, _____.

_____ he see into the future last year?

No, _____.

_____ he see into the future at the moment?

Yes, _____.

_____ we swim six years ago?

No, _____.

_____ they play computer games yesterday?

Yes _____.

Match.

1 ____

2 ____

3 ____

4 ____

5 ____

1 Now I can

2 The amulet

3 I couldn't

4 Could you

5 Can I

A can help me.

B see inside?

C take me to the pyramid?

D read hieroglyphs before.

E break codes.