

Test 14

Name

Can and could for ability and permission

1 Complete the sentences with *can*, *can't*, *could* or *couldn't*.

► Laura is a great swimmer – she could swim when she was four.

- 1 The music is very quiet, and I _____ hear it well.
- 2 How many languages _____ you speak, Ted?
- 3 Harriet's exam was really difficult, and she _____ answer any of the questions.
- 4 We sat at the front of the cinema and we _____ see everything.
- 5 This box isn't heavy. I _____ carry it easily.
- 6 I didn't have any money so I _____ buy any new clothes.

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2 Match the questions 1–6 with the answers a–g.

► Can you see James? e

- 1 Can I sit here, please? _____
 - 2 Could you understand the lesson this morning? _____
 - 3 Can Dora play the guitar? _____
 - 4 Could Lucy use a computer when she was five? _____
 - 5 Can you cook? _____
 - 6 Could I ask you a question? _____
- a Yes, she was a clever child.
b No, it was difficult.
c Yes, what would you like to know?

- d Yes, she's quite good.
- e Yes, look! He's over there!
- f Yes, of course. There's lots of space!
- g Well, I can make toast.

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3 Read the dialogues and choose the correct option.

- A Could I have some orange juice, please?
B c. We haven't got any.
- A Can I use your pen, Ben?
B 1.
- A Tina, could I see your maths homework, please?
B 2!
- A Did you enjoy the film, Claire?
B Not really. I 3 understand the story.
- A Is Ted learning French?
B Yes, he is. Last year he 4 even say 'Bonjour', but now he 5 have quite long conversations.

► a I'm afraid ☐ b I'm afraid no ☐
c I'm afraid not ☒

1 a Go ☐ b Go ahead ☐
c Go, of course ☐

2 a Sorry, no ☐ b Sorry, not ☐
c Sorry, I'm afraid ☐

3 a can't ☐ b could ☐ c couldn't ☐

4 a can ☐ b can't ☐ c couldn't ☐

5 a can ☐ b could ☐ c couldn't ☐

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