

Test 19

Name

Can, could

1 Write sentences. Use *can* or *can't*.

- ▶ John: play football ✓ – dance ✗
John can play football, but he can't dance.
- ▶ Sophie: play the guitar ✓ – sing ✓
Sophie can play the guitar and she can sing.
- 1 I: speak German ✓ – write / German ✓

- 2 my mum: swim ✓ – dive ✗

- 3 the babies: walk ✓ – talk ✗

- 4 we: read music ✓ – play / the piano ✓

- 5 you: do karate ✓ – ride / a horse ✗

2 Rewrite the sentences. Use *can*, *can't*, *could* or *couldn't*.

- | Now | Then |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ▶ <u>I can do puzzles.</u> | I could do puzzles. |
| 1 Jack can count to a hundred. | _____ |
| 2 _____ | I could swim 100 metres. |
| 3 My dad can't speak Japanese. | _____ |
| 4 _____ | Sarah couldn't play the trumpet. |
| 5 Harry can write his name. | _____ |

3 Complete the questions and write short answers.

- ▶ Can you read this sentence? ✗
No, I can't.
- ▶ Could she walk when she was two? ✓
Yes, she could.
- 1 _____ you ski in France? ✓

- 2 _____ he dance when he was a baby? ✗

- 3 _____ they draw? ✗

- 4 _____ you speak English last year? ✓

4 Ask for permission and make requests. Use *Could* for polite questions.

- ▶ It's cold in here. (close / the window)
Can I close the window?
- ▶ I need a pen. (lend / me / your pen / please)
Could you lend me your pen, please?
- 1 I'm hungry. (have / a sandwich / please)

- 2 The living room is a mess! (tidy / it)

- 3 I haven't got a phone. (use / your phone)

- 4 I'm late. (wait / for me / please)

- 5 I don't understand this question. (help / me)
