

Student's name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

can - could

We use **can** to talk about an **ability in the present**,

and we use **could** to talk about an **ability in the past**.

I **can** swim.

She **can't** skateboard.

Can your dad play guitar?

✓ Yes, he **can**.

✗ No, he **can't**.

When I was 5, I **could** swim.

When I was 5, I **couldn't** speak English.

Could you skateboard when you were 5?

✓ Yes, I **could**.

✗ No, I **couldn't**.

I. Choose the correct answer:

1. Sandra has got a lot of money so she _____ travel.

a. could

b. can

c. can't

2. I am sorry but I _____ come to your party next Friday.

a. could

b. can

c. can't

3. When Mary was 15, she was a fast runner. She _____ run 200 meters in 20 seconds.

a. could

b. can

c. can't

4. I was sick yesterday. I _____ eat anything.

a. could

b. can

c. couldn't

5. It is sunny outside. _____ we go outside and play?

a. could

b. can

c. can't

6. The lock was broken. I _____ open the door.

a. could

b. couldn't

c. can't

III/ Match

V1	V2 – past tense
1. be	
2. go	
3. have	
4. start	
5. carry	
6. find	
7. play	
8. do	
9. happen	
10. break	
11. cry	
12. use	
13. call	
14. send	
15. tell	
16. win	
17. hold	
18. study	
19. post	
20. make	

held	started	had	happened	studied
made	carried	was/were	played	posted
called	found	won	sent	told
used	did	went	broke	cried