

1 Circle the correct word.

- 1 **Can** / Can't I use your pencil, please?
- 2 You **can** / **can't** borrow my book. I need it.
- 3 Maria **can't** / **can** sing well. She's got a beautiful voice.
- 4 **Could** / **Couldn't** I have a glass of water?
- 5 Dan **couldn't** / **could** write at the age of one.

- 6 She **could** / **can** speak Spanish when she was fifteen.
- 7 John and Phil **could** / **can** play the piano. They're quite good at it, too.
- 8 **Could** / **Couldn't** I go to the cinema with Aya?

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Modal Verbs

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2 Label the speech situations.

ability in the present
ability in the past

asking for permission
polite request (x 2)

asking for permission politely

1 *asking for
permission politely*



Could I use your phone?

2



They can swim so well.

3



Could you close the door, please?

4



I could walk before
the accident.

5



Can I sit here?

6



Could you help me, please?