UNIT 5: DIFFERENT FEELINGS
Lesson 2: Grammar and Speaking

Practice

A Underline the correct option.

1 Dogs *can / could* travel a long way to find food.
2 Most dogs *can't / couldn't* see the difference between red and green.
3 Often during World Wars I and II, people *were not able to / can't* find survivors.
4 However, dogs *were able to / will be able to* find them.
5 They *can / could* also carry messages.
6 In the future, scientists *will be able to / can* make better robot dogs.

B Make sentences by putting the words in the correct order.

1 bottle / I / open / can't / this
I can't open this bottle.
2 couldn't / name / her / remember / I
3 stand / child / able / The / wasn't / to
4 at / meet / we / Can / 7?
5 question / He / the / answer / couldn't
6 play / can't / I / tennis
7 truck / drive / Can / a / she?
8 able / come / friends / My / weren't / to

C Circle the correct option.

1 I ... use my mobile here – it doesn't work.
a can (b) can't c couldn't d wasn't able to
2 In 1998, 20% of the world's population ... not write.
a can b can't c could d was able to
3 The box was very heavy – I ... carry it.
a will be able to b won't be able to
c can't d couldn't
4 When I was younger, I ... read a book in one day.
a could b can c will be able to d can't
5 I ... take this to the post office. I haven't got enough time.
a can b can't c could d couldn't
6 I'm not busy. I ... go to the post office for you.
a can't b won't be able to c can d couldn't
7 Don't stay out late or you won't ... get up early.
a could b can c be able to d can't
8 The window was very small but my daughter ... climb in.
a wasn't able to b weren't able to
c won't be able to d was able to

D Complete the sentences using *can, can't, could, couldn't, will be able to* or *won't be able to* and a verb from the box.

come	have	hear	imagine
~~read~~	see	speak	understand

1 It's too dark in here. I *can't read* my book.
2 I want to learn Spanish. ..... you ..... another language?
3 When we move to the country next year, we ..... a dog.
4 We don't really know what life was like in the past. We ..... only .....
5 Bats ..... very well but they have excellent hearing.
6 That film was really boring. ..... you ..... what it was about?
7 I couldn't sleep last night. I ..... a strange noise.
8 If I go to Australia to study, I ..... home very often.

MY TURN!

Make sentences about what you *can / can't* do now, *could / couldn't* do when you were younger or *will / won't be able to* do in the future and write them in your notebook. Use expressions from the box or your own ideas.

drive	run 10 kilometres	speak English
stand on my head	touch my toes with my nose	

Example: When I was four, I couldn't speak English.

MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

1 My dog ..... understand about 20 words in Spanish. a can to b can c is able
2 But he ..... understand one word of English.
a doesn't can b can't c can not
3 When the people ..... the survivor, their dogs helped them.
a couldn't find b can't found c couldn't found
4 My dog ..... very fast.
a doesn't can run b can't run c cannot runs
5 A: Will the robot dog be able to swim?
B: No, it ..... . a can't b isn't c won't

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Practice

A Match each request to the correct reply.

1 May I come in?	a I'm not sure. I'll ask her.
2 Could you ring back later?	b No, the shop is closed.
3 Can we meet on Saturday?	c Sorry, I don't know Italian.
4 May I take your number?	d Sure, I'll phone again in an hour.
5 Can your sister come?	e Yes, take some. It's very good.
6 Could they buy some bread on the way home?	f No, I'm busy at the weekend.
7 Can I see your homework?	g I haven't done it yet.
8 Could we try the cake?	h One moment, I'll open the door.
9 Can you translate it?	i Sure. 737 – 52 – 25.

B Write sentences asking for permission.

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Can I go out, please?

2 

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C In your notebook, write a request for each situation using *can, could, may* and the words in brackets. Use *may* when you need to be very polite.

1 You are in a very expensive cafe. You want a coffee. (I / have)
May I have a coffee?
2 You are lost. You see an old man with a mobile phone. (I / use)
3 Your computer won't work. Your friend is good with computers. (you / help)
4 You are late for class. You want to go into the room. (I / come in)
5 You want to see your friend after school. (we / meet)
6 You have invited your friend to a party. You like his CD. (you / bring)
7 It is cold. Your friend is in front of an open window. (you / close)
8 You are going to play tennis with a friend. You have the ball. (we / start)

D These emails to Jim are not polite. In your notebook, write polite versions of them using *can, could, may* and *please.*

1 Give me a Sony PlayStation
Could you please give me a Sony PlayStation? / Can you give me a Sony PlayStation, please?
2 Buy me a new bike
3 I want to visit London.
4 Translate this email from my friend in Mongolia.
5 Do my Geography homework.
6 Send my sister a birthday present.
7 I want to go into space.
8 I want to be in the next Spider-Man film.

MY TURN!

In your notebook, write emails to Jim. Make them polite with *can, could, may* and *please.*

Examples: Could I meet Roger Federer?

MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

1 Dear Jim. Can you ..... my friend? **a** be **b** being **c** to be
2 A: Excuse me. ..... your toilet, please? B: Yes, of course. **a** May I use **b** May I using **c** May I to use
3 ..... for my sixteenth birthday? **a** May you give me a car **b** Could give you me a car **c** Could you give me a car
4 Dear Jim. Please ..... a new mobile phone? **a** could have my sister **b** could my sister has **c** could my sister have
5 A: Mum? Can we have a dog? B: No, we ..... **a** don't **b** haven't **c** can't

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WORKBOOK

can, could, might and *may*

1 **Choose the correct option in *italics*.**

1 When my grandad was younger, he *can* / *could* see very well but now he's old, he *can't* / *couldn't* read without glasses.

2 I'm not sure if I *can* / *may* finish this work today. I *can* / *might* have to do it tomorrow.

3 **A:** Where's Katie? I *can't* / *couldn't* find her.

B: She *can* / *might* be in the playground. I saw her going in that direction a few minutes ago.

4 The football match *can* / *may* be cancelled because it *might not* / *might* snow this weekend.

5 **A:** *Can* / *May* you play the piano?

B: No, but my brother *can* / *might* play very well.

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