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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