

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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Total / 17