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. 3

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?

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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

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