

CAN- CAN'T- COULD- COULDN'T

8 Complete the dialogues with *can*, *can't*, *could*, or *couldn't*. Then answer the questions.

- A 1 children start work at 14 when you were young, Grandpa?
Yes, they 2 .
And 3 they get married?
No, they 4 ! Not until they were 16.
- B 1 you drive when you were 18, Mom?
No, I 2 . I only learned to drive when I was 30.
- C 1 we take our drinks into the museum?
No, I'm sorry, you 2 .
- D 1 you play the violin well, Luke?
No, I 2 , but I'm taking classes.

Which dialogues are about:

- 1 permission **A**,
2 ability
3 present
4 past

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Chao Mu-ho was born in China on July 4, 1912. As a young man, Chao 1 do calligraphy and he loved learning, so he went to college. Chao moved to Taiwan when he was middle-aged. He got a job as a teacher, and he worked in the same school until he retired at the age of 65. Then he worked as a volunteer in a local hospital until they told him he was too old and he 2 work there any longer. So, Chao decided to study again. He passed the college entrance exam, and the college said he 3 study there. He got his second degree at 91 and a master's degree at 98. Now Chao is a very elderly man, but he 4 still do calligraphy. He lives alone and works in his yard, but he 5 climb the stairs so easily any more!

