Can and Could

Can: "Can" is used to express ability, willingness, permission, or possibility. The negative of can is "cannot" or the contraction "can't".

Example: I can cook dinner.

In this example "can" expresses the ability to cook dinner.

Example: Can you pass me the ketchup?

In this example "Can" expresses the willingness pass me the ketchup.

Example: Can I use your pencil?

In this example "Can" expresses the permission to use your pencil.

Example: Intense light can hurt your eyes.

In this example "can" expresses the possibility of intense light to hurt your eyes.

Directions: Say how "can" is used in each sentence. Circle "A" if it is used to express ability, "W" if it is used to express willingness, "Per" if it is used to express permission and "Pos" if it is used to express possibility.

1) I can tie my shoes. A W Per Pos

2) Can I have a piece of gum? A W Per Pos

3) If you ride a motorcycle, you can fall. A W Per Pos

4) Can you get me a drink of water? A W Per Pos

5) I can speak English well. A W Per Pos

6) He can use my basketball if he wants to. A W Per Pos

7) Can they clean my car while I am at work? A W Per Pos

8) Can squirrels fly? A W Per Pos

9) It can snow if it gets very cold. A W Per Pos

10) I can help you with your homework if yo[illegible] A W Per Pos

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