

Name _____



Time Or Tone Clues

Directions: Read each sentence carefully. Use context clues like time (present or past) or tone (formal or polite) to decide whether to write **can** or **could** in each blank.

1. When I was younger, I _____ stay up all night reading adventure books.
2. _____ you please show me how to solve this math problem?
3. I _____ finish this essay today if I focus and skip distractions.
4. Last winter, I _____ skate across the frozen pond easily.
5. _____ you pass me that notebook right now?
6. When our teacher was in college, she _____ run three miles every morning.
7. If I had more time, I _____ help you decorate for the play.
8. You _____ join the science club if you're interested in experiments.
9. _____ you tell me where the museum used to be?
10. I _____ play guitar much better after taking lessons for a year.