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Modal Shift Lab

Directions: Rewrite each sentence by changing **can** to **could** or **could** to **can**. Then, describe in one short sentence how the meaning or tone changes.



1. I can help you finish your poster if you need me.

2. Could you open the window a little, please?

3. I can solve this puzzle in under a minute.

4. Could I borrow your headphones for the bus ride?

5. I can play the piano better now than last year.

6. Could you pass me the salt, please?

7. I can visit my grandparents every weekend.

8. Could I get an extension on the essay deadline?

9. I could run three miles easily when I was younger.

10. Can you please explain that again?