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## Ability Or Politeness

**Directions:** Read the short story and fill in each blank with **can** or **could** to make the sentences correct. Think about whether the sentence shows **ability** or **politeness**.

Maya loved helping her neighbors. Every Saturday morning, she \_\_\_\_\_ hear the sound of Mr. Green's lawnmower next door. She \_\_\_\_\_ rake the leaves faster than anyone on her street. One day, she saw Mrs. Lopez struggling with grocery bags and said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ help you carry those inside!" Mrs. Lopez smiled and replied, "That would be lovely, Maya, but \_\_\_\_\_ you please grab the door first?" Maya laughed and said, "Of course, I \_\_\_\_\_ do that!" After helping, she told her friend Liam, "We \_\_\_\_\_ visit Mrs. Lopez later to see if she needs anything else." Liam nodded and said, "We \_\_\_\_\_ also bring her some cookies if she likes them."