

Name _____

Ability Or Politeness Answer Key

1. could
2. could
3. can
4. could
5. can
6. could
7. could

Explanation of Use

- Could (past ability or polite suggestion): sentences 1, 2, 4, 7, 8
- Can (present ability or willingness): sentences 3, 5

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Builds understanding of when to use *can* for ability and *could* for polite or possible actions.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide sentence cues or visuals (e.g., helping, asking) for younger learners.
 - Allow advanced students to write new story sentences switching *can* and *could*.
- **Engagement Idea:** Have students act out parts of the story, deciding which sounds more polite in different situations.
- **Extension Activity:** Ask pairs to create a short two-character dialogue using both *can* and *could* naturally, showing ability and politeness.