

## Excercise: Read and match

### Can

a. Talking about general ability	You can get lost without a map
b. Asking or giving permissions	Now you can open your books
c. Request something	Can you lend me some money?
d. Making offers	Can I help you dry the dishes?
e. General possibility	My dad can run faster than me

### Can't

a. Talking about general inability	She can't have broken the vase.
b. Refusing permission	He can't be Peter. He is in Paris now
c. Request something	Can't you speak louder please?
d. Making present deductions	I can't speak any foreign languages.
e. Making past deductions	Sorry, you can't go out now.

### Could-Couldn't

a. Talking about present or past possibility	I'd send him a card if I could buy one
b. Talking about past ability/inability	Could you borrow your dictionary?
c. Making polite request	I could swim when I was five
d. Asking for permission	Could you open it for me, please?
e. Used in 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> conditionals	They could be at home by now