

New Elementary 1
Unit 7 Lesson A Grammar
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Can / Could

Ability = توانایی

- I can drive a car now.
- Robert can design websites.
- I couldn't drive a car when I was a child, but I could ride a bicycle.
- Robert could work with a computer when he was a teenager.

Point:

When we want to talk about an ability in the past, "could" is the past form of "can".

Requests = درخواست ها

- Can I have some more salad?
- Can you pass the salt?
- Could I talk to you after the class?
- Could you please help me finish this report?
- Could you sign this contract please?

Point:

In requests, "could" has the same meaning as "can", but it is politer and more formal.

polite = مودبانه

politer = مودبانه تر

formal # informal

formal = رسمی

informal = غیررسمی