



ENGLISH GRAMMAR

❖ Dear children,

Please copy down the following note given in the box in your ENGLISH GRAMMAR WRITING BOOK along with the topic of the lesson.

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STUDENT NOTE – NO. 1

Can / Could

We use the verb ‘can’ and ‘could’ often in our day to day speech.

Possibility or an ability:

Eg:

- 1) She can speak English fluently.
- 2) They can play chess well.
- 3) We can run fast.

Requests or orders:

Eg:

- 1) Can you make a cup of tea, please?
- 2) Can you switch on the light, please?

Request permission:

Eg:

- 1) Can you come home tomorrow?
- 2) Can you ask from the teacher?

Possibility or past ability:

Eg:

- 1) Jane could have answered the paper.
- 2) I could have finished the work yesterday.

Requests and suggestions:

Eg:

- 1) Could you copy the notes for me?
- 2) You could use the computer for Vidura e-learning.

We can form sentences in the negative by using cannot or can't / and could not or couldn't.

can + not -----□ cannot or can't

could + not -----□ could not or couldn't

Eg:

- 1) He couldn't complete the work on time.
- 2) We couldn't go to Kandy last weekend.

Write about your abilities by completing with 'I can' or 'I can't'.

- 1) play the guitar.
- 2) sing well.
- 3) speak French.
- 4) fly a kite.
- 5) drive a car.
- 6) speak English.
- 7) swim 100 metres.