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## Use of. **Can, Could**

(i) Can and could are used to express possibility, that is, some action or event is possible; as,

Can her statement be true ?

We could succeed if we worked together.

(ii) Can and could are used to express ability or power; as,

I can swim.

She could dance well at the age of ten.

(iii) permission; as,

Can and could are used to express

Can I go to see a movie ?

You can leave the office now.

(iv) Could sometimes does not indicate past time. It is also used to express a polite request; as,

Could I have your book ?

Could I have a word with you