

### Forms of *Can/Could*

	<b>present</b>	<b>past</b>
<b>a. polite/permission</b>	<b>can could</b>	----
<b>b. ability</b>	<b>can</b>	<b>could</b>
<b>c. guess (50%)</b>	<b>could</b>	<b>could have</b>
<b>d. possible</b>	<b>could</b>	<b>could have</b>
<b>e. impossible</b>	<b>couldn't (also can't)</b>	<b>couldn't have</b>

- a. Can I borrow your car?  
Could I borrow your car?
- b. I can ski.  
I could ski when I was younger.
- c. He's not here. He could be sick.  
He wasn't here. He could have been sick.
- d. You could change jobs.  
You could have changed jobs.
- e. That couldn't be right.  
That couldn't have been right.