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CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

LEARNING OBJECTIVE :

- The students will be able to understand could.
- They will understand the difference between can and could.

Let's recapitulate

- We have learned in the previous chapter that **CAN** and **MAY** are used in questions to make requests and ask for permission.

1. Read each situations given below and write appropriate requests using Can or May.

a. You want to borrow your friend's notebook.

Can I borrow your notebook?

b. You want to ask your class teacher for paper.

May I take a paper?

c. You want to ask another student for the directions to the auditorium.

Can you show me the direction to the auditorium?

d. You want to ask principal if you can stage a dance performance on Independence Day.

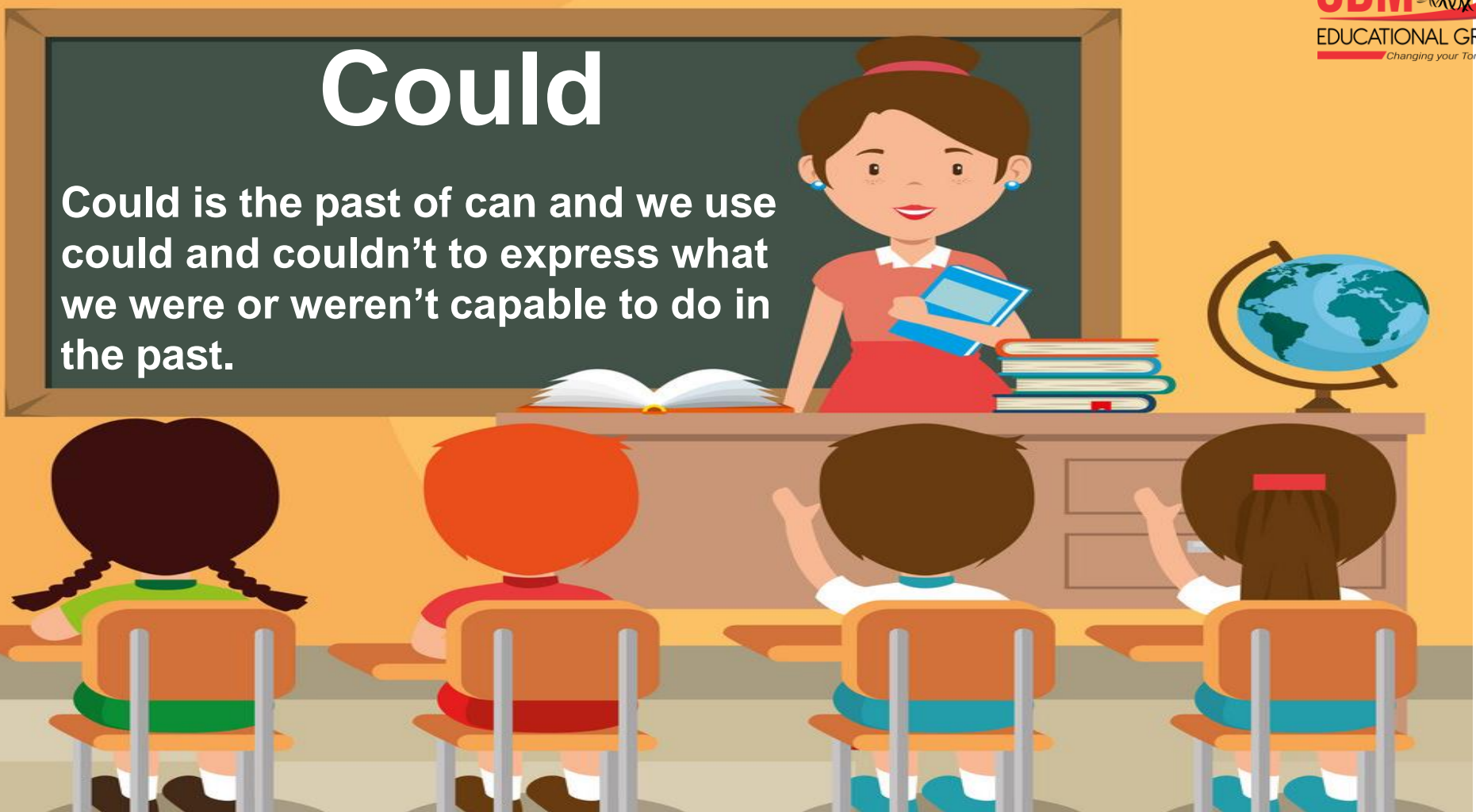
May I perform a dance on Independence Day?

e. You want to ask your sister to close the door.

Can you close the door?

Could

Could is the past of can and we use could and couldn't to express what we were or weren't capable to do in the past.



Let's look at some examples

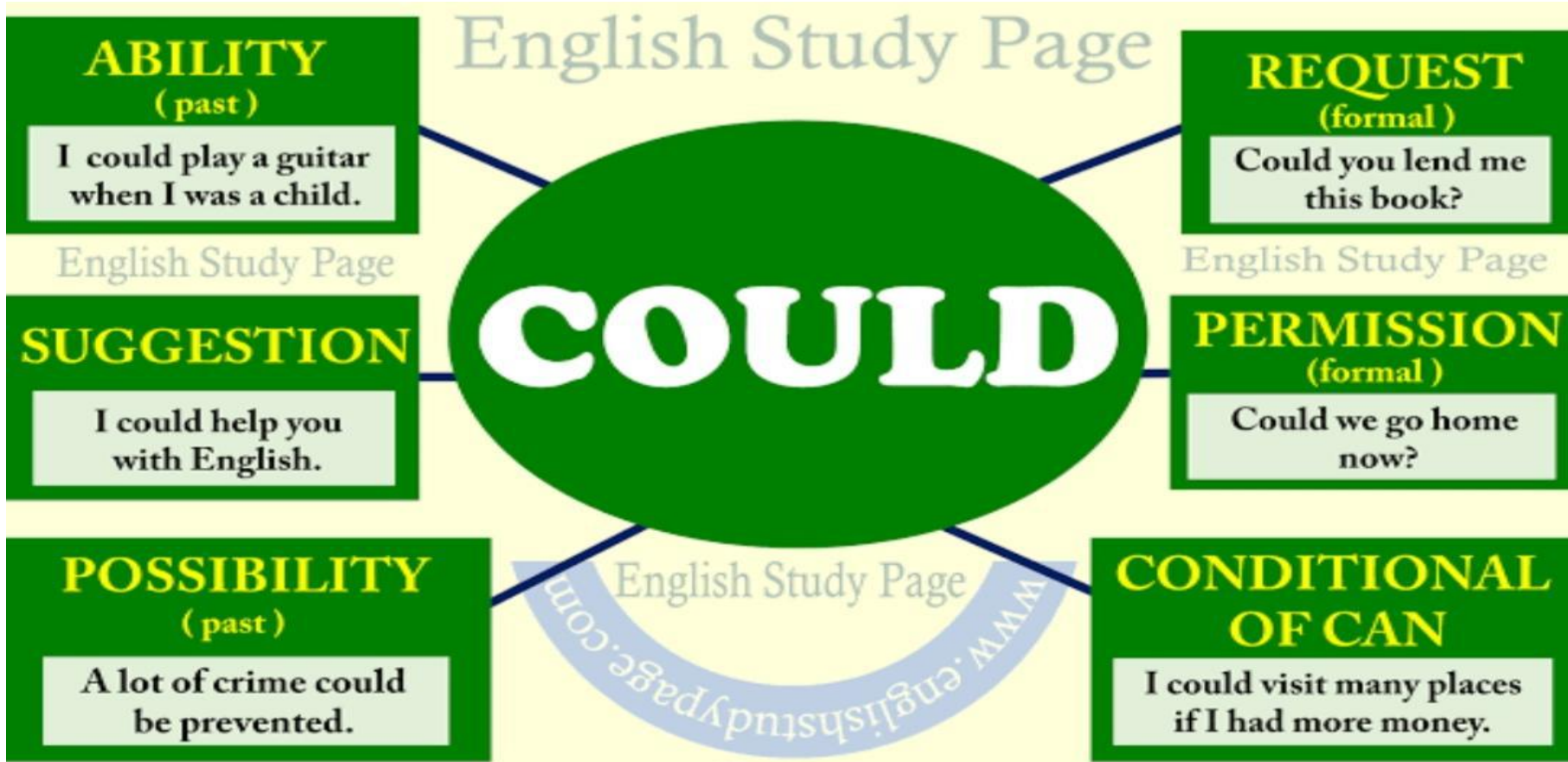


- Could you hand me the pencil?
- Could I go to the park?
- Could I borrow your notebook, please?
- Could I speak to Martina?

We see that the word **could** can also be used to make **requests** and ask for **permission**. **Could** is more polite than **can**.



Under what situations so we use Could?



Let's see the difference between **can** and **could**

CAN

Present/ future

E.g: He can speak Chinese fluently.

Informal

E.g: Can you take me to the Victoria station?

General statements

E.g: In Norway, temperatures can be low as -50°C in winter.

Informal

E.g: Can I borrow your car tomorrow?

Present or future

E.g: You can take a holiday tomorrow if you want.



Ability

Request

Possibility

Permission

Things allowed

COULD

Past

E.g: I could run 10 miles when I was young.

Polite

E.g: Could you lock the door when you leave?

Specific event

E.g: The weather station said temperatures could be as low as -10°C tonight.

Polite

E.g: Could I choose my own doctor?

Past

E.g: When I first started this job we could take holiday when we wanted.

2. Read the following sentences. Use could you please..... ? to make the request more polite.

a. Can you write a letter for me?

Could you please write a letter for me?

b. Can you bring me a glass of water?

Could you please bring me a glass of water?

c. Can you keep quite?

Could you please keep quite?

d. Can you keep your shoes outside?

Could you please keep your shoes outside?

e. Can you buy me a chocolate?

Could you please buy me chocolate?

f. Can you switch off the fan?

Could you please switch off the fan?

g. Can you come with me to visit Rizwan?

Could you please come with me to visit Rizwan?

h. Can you be a little quieter?

Could you please be a little quieter?

LEARNING OUTCOME:

The students learn the proper usage of Could.

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