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Grammar videos: Can, could and would



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Daisy: Wow, it's cold out there! You're home early. Are you alright?

Oliver: Never better ... Hey, you couldn't pass me that plate, could you? Please? Thanks. But the heating

at college broke down this morning, so when our accountancy lecturer said "Ladies and

gentlemen, would you like a free afternoon to study at home?" Well, it was an offer we couldn't

refuse really. It was freezing!

Daisy: Well, I see you've been busy. What is it? Can I have a taste?

Oliver: Yes, of course you can! Here. What do you think?

Daisy: Mmmm. Wow, that's really good soup, there, big brother. What is it?

Oliver: It's a country recipe. I found it in one of Gran's old cookery books. But I've made a lot. Why don't

you call Amy? You can ask her round for dinner, if you like. There's more than enough. I've made

bread too, look.

Daisy: You are one amazing brother! **Oliver:** I know. Now go and phone.

Daisy: Amy? Oh, hi, Mrs Hao. Could I speak to Amy, please? ... Thank you ... Amy? It's Daisy.

Amy: Hi! What's up?

Daisy: Would you like to come to our house for dinner?

Amy: Ah, yes, that would be really cool. Thank you. And could you say thanks to your mum for me?

Daisy: Well, actually, she isn't here. It's Oliver's idea. He's made some wonderful soup. And bread.

Amy: Nice! I could bring something for dessert, if you like. I can make an apple cake ... Pardon, Mum?

Ah, thanks! It's Chinese New Year, so we've got some special sweets here. My mother says I can

take some to your house, so you can try them.

Daisy: Oh yes! Chinese New Year! Mum's in Hong Kong this week, writing about the celebrations. She

emailed us some photos. But I thought your family's from Cambridge ... ? Do you celebrate

Chinese New Year?

Amy: Yes, of course! Three of my grandparents are from Hong Kong, in fact – though my mother's

father is Scottish. My parents and I are British, but we celebrate as a family. Listen, I'd better go

and make that cake, or it'll be too late.

Daisy: OK! Oh, Mum's calling. See you in an hour.

Amy: Great. See you.

Daisy: Hi, Mum!

Sophie: Hi! Listen, it's just after midnight here and it's really noisy ...

Oliver: Wow, it sounds amazing!

Sophie: It is. Plus I've recorded some great interviews and got some fantastic photos for the blog. WOW!

Daisy: You couldn't send some photos to Amy too, could you, Mum? Is that OK? Her family's from Hong

Kong – I'm sure she'd love to see it.

Sophie: Yes, no problem, but don't give me her email address now, I can't hear anything very well! It's too

loud!

Daisy: OK.

Sophie: I'll phone you again tomorrow morning, OK?

Oliver/Daisy: OK. Love you.

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Sophie: Love you too.
Oliver: She's having fun.
Daisy: Yes. I miss her.

Oliver: Me too.

Daisy: Amy? Is everything OK?

Amy: Yes, fine. My mother says would you two like to have dinner with us tomorrow? She says we can

celebrate Chinese New Year together. And Dad says we can have special food - he'll make it -

and we've got fireworks and ... you know ... if you like ...

Daisy: We'd love to!