

1. **Underline the correct options.**

1 He loved the water and *could / couldn't / wasn't able to* swim when he was three.

2 I'd love to *can / could / be able to* swim like him.

3 She teaches French and she *can't / could / is able to* speak Chinese as well.

4 He's lost his driving licence. He *can't / couldn't / hasn't been able to* drive for the last two years.

5 We're a bit worried about Jake. He's six years old, but he still *can / can't / couldn't* read.

6 You used to *could / be able to / was able to* see the sea from here, before they built that block of flats.

7 He was heartbroken, but he *can / could / couldn't* understand why she'd left him.

8 I'm having laser treatment on my eyes, so I'll *can / could / be able to* read without glasses.

1. **Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use negative forms where necessary.**

1 I'm really sorry we \_\_\_\_weren’t able to come\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the party last night. (able/come)

2 She finally \_\_has managed to find\_\_\_\_\_\_ a job as a waitress. (manage/find)

3 My father's going to give me some money so I \_will be able to buy\_\_\_\_\_ my first car. (able/buy)

4 We were only at home for a few days and unfortunately we \_\_\_weren’t succeeded in visiting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the people we'd wanted to see. (not succeed/visit)

5 She did as well as she could, but on this particular occasion she just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_is not able to finish\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the exam on time. (able/finish)

6 The cup fell off the table, but luckily he \_\_\_was managed to catch \_\_\_\_\_ it before it hit the floor. (manage/catch)

1. **Complete the sentences using can, could or was able to. Use negative forms where necessary. Sometimes more than one form is possible.**

1 A: \_*Can*\_you speak Dutch?

B: No, not really. I \_couldn’t\_\_\_\_\_\_ speak it when I was a child, but then my family left the Netherlands and I lost touch with the language.

2 A: Did you go to the concert last night? B: No, I \_\_wasn’t able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_get a ticket.

3 A: Do you know if Sarah\_\_\_\_was able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ get home alright last night?

B: Yes, she caught the last train with just minutes to spare!

4 A: How's the snow?

B: Amazing! Another ten inches fell two nights ago. I \_\_could\_\_\_\_get to the office yesterday morning!

5 A: I'm sorry I \_\_\_\_cannot\_\_\_\_\_\_ come to the meeting this afternoon. Something's come up.

B: OK. Don't worry. I'll take notes for you.

1. **Write sentences about yourself.**

1 I can \_swim , but I can't swim underwater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2 I'd love to be able to \_fly like a bird\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3 When I was \_\_\_\_child\_\_\_ I could \_\_\_\_ not get tired for a long time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4 I couldn't \_\_develop the programs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until I \_\_started a new job\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5 I was really pleased when I succeeded in \_\_\_making a friend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the first time.

6 I'll never forget the time I managed to \_\_ride a bike for the first time\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_