



"be able to" vs can/could
30 Questions

NAME : _____

CLASS : _____

DATE : _____

1. "be able to" is used...

- ☐ A only for past situations ☐ B only for present situations
- ☐ C for past, present, and future situations

2. We use "be able to" to express:

- ☐ A an obligation ☐ B past experience
- ☐ C an ability

3. Fazıl Say _____ play the piano so well even he was a kid. He is a piano genius.

- ☐ A isn't able to ☐ B was able to
- ☐ C weren't able to

4. Burak _____ paint our house. He's a professional painter.

- ☐ A couldn't ☐ B cannot
- ☐ C could ☐ D can

5. Bekir _____ swim, but he is excellent at drawing.

- ☐ A could ☐ B couldn't
- ☐ C can't ☐ D can

6. Beyza _____ sing. She's part of the school band.

- ☐ A was able to ☐ B is able to

7. Do you think you _____ write that report by Tuesday? I know you're very busy.

- ☐ A will be able to ☐ B have been able to
- ☐ C couldn't

8. ___ **play professional tennis, you must be extremely fit.**

☐ A

Will you be able to

☐ B

To be able to

☐ C

Couldn't

9. ___ **you play an instrument?**

☐ A

Can

☐ B

Able to

☐ C

Couldn't

10. **I'm afraid I ___ attend the meeting, I'm on business in Japan.**

☐ A

will be able to

☐ B

won't be able to

☐ C

can

11. I _____ meet you tomorrow, I have to study.

☐ A

will be able to

☐ B

can

☐ C

couldn't

☐ D

can't

12. I ___ speak Russian *when I finish this course.*

☐ A

couldn't

☐ B

can't

☐ C

will be able to

☐ D

can

13. If I get superpowers, I ___ read minds.

☐ A

couldn't

☐ B


could

☐ C

will be able to

☐ D

can

14.  I don't like noisy restaurants. I like _____ have a conversation without shouting.

☐ A

be able to

☐ B

can

☐ C

could

☐ D

being able to

15.



Çağatay will _____ leave home if he gets a job.

A

be able to

B

can't

C

to be able to

D

can

E

could

16.



I _____ go to the movies next weekend. I have to study for my final test. Please forgive me!

A

can't

B

be able to

C

couldn't

D

can

17. Is this sentence correct?

"I will can find a solution for this problem."

A

Yeap, CORRECT

B

Obviously, WRONG

18. You _____ master these skills if you go on practising like this.

A

will be able to

B

could

C

would be able to

D

are able to

19. Ataturk _____ defeat the enemy and achieve many reforms.

A

can

B

could

C

was able to

D

is able to

20. *"Can you do me a favor? I'll be so happy if you can help."*

Is this sentence correct?

A

No, Incorrect

B

Yes, Correct

21. My sister is very bad in the kitchen. She _____ cook.

A

couldn't

B

can't

C

can

D

could

22. Mary _____ sing. She's part of the school band.

☐ A was able to

☐ B is able to

23. 6. I would like to _____ play the piano.

☐ A can

☐ B be able to

☐ C could

24. 7. How long have you _____ drive?

☐ A can

☐ B been able to

☐ C coulded

25. 8. I'll _____ help you later.

☐ A be able to

☐ B could

☐ C can

26. 10. Will people _____ live forever one day?

☐ A could be

☐ B be able to

☐ C could be able to

27. I _____ meet you tomorrow, I have to study.

☐ A will be able to

☐ B can't

☐ C can

☐ D couldn't

28. I _____ drive until I was 18.

☐ A was able to

☐ B could

☐ C can

☐ D couldn't

29.



I've never _____ scuba dive. I'm too scared of water!

A

can't

B

could

C

couldn't

D

can

E

been able to

30.



I don't like noisy restaurants. I like _____ have a conversation without shouting.

A

can

B

be able to

C

could

D

being able to

Answer Key

1.c	2.c	3.b	4.d
5.c	6.b	7.a	8.b
9.a	10.b	11.d	12.c
13.c	14.d	15.a	16.a
17.b	18.a	19.c	20.b
21.b	22.b	23.b	24.b
25.a	26.b	27.b	28.d
29.e	30.d		