Grammar in Use

A Study the grammar.

Learn Grammar Modals of Ability

Past	Present	Future
• Last Tuesday, my gums were fine, and I **could** eat everything. • My teeth hurt and I **couldn't** eat anything.	• Today, my gums feel better, so now I **can** chew. • I **can't** chew hard foods today because my gums hurt.	• Tomorrow, my gums will be fine, and I **will be able to** eat almost everything. • I **won't be able to** eat nuts until my mouth feels better.

B Fill in the chart. Use *could, couldn't, will be able to,* and *won't be able to.*

	Past	Present	Future
1	I could run.	I can run.	I will be able to run.
2		I can't play.	
3		I can work.	
4		I can't talk.	
5		I can cook.	
6		I can't go out.	

C Answer the questions. Use *could* or *couldn't*.

1

Could he talk when he was two years old?

Yes, he could talk when he was two years old.

2

Could she walk when she was one?

3

Could he stand up when he was one?

4

Could she write her name when she was four?

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D Complete the sentences.

won't be able to	could	can	couldn't	will be able to	can't

1 I _____ read when I was three. My mother had to read to me.

2 I was always good at drawing. I _____ draw a person when I was four.

3 I like to ride my bike. I _____ ride it very well.

4 I don't feel well today. I _____ go to the park.

5 Tomorrow, I _____ eat solid food because I will have a tooth pulled. I will only be able to drink liquids.

6 When my little sister gets bigger, she _____ ride a bike.

E Write sentences to describe what they will be able to do when they are older.

1

She will _____

2

3

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