

GRAMMAR PRACTICE

CAN, COULD, BE ABLE TO

I. Write *can*, *can't*, *could* or *couldn't* in the spaces.

1. I'm sorry I _____ come to your party. I'm busy on Saturday.
2. You _____ sing much better than that when you were younger.
3. Rachel's son _____ count to 20 and he's only two!
4. We didn't speak the language so we _____ understand what the woman said.
5. _____ you read that notice from here? I haven't got my glasses with me.
6. I know that man but I _____ remember his name.
7. Anne-Marie likes to sit close to the stage, so she _____ see the actors' faces clearly.

8. I'm afraid of going on a boat because I _____ swim.

9. When I was a teenager I walked everywhere because I _____ drive.

10. _____ you write your name when you started school?

11. He looked everywhere for the ring but he _____ find it.

12. _____ you open this window? I've tried, but it's too heavy.

II. Fill in the gaps with words from the box.

are	be	is	to be
hasn't been	wasn't	isn't	will
weren't	wasn't	won't be	were

1. None of the students _____ able to read the teacher's writing.
2. Your sister speaks very good Spanish. _____ you able to speak any foreign languages?
3. _____ you be able to finish that homework by tomorrow?
4. They _____ able to see anything from the plane because it was cloudy.
5. I'm sorry, I _____ able to come to your wedding next month because I've got exams.
6. He _____ able to take a holiday since last summer.

7. If you want to do the diving course, you have _____ able to swim.
8. I looked everywhere but I _____ able to find the photograph because Laura had it.
9. _____ Rebecca able to lend you some money or do you want me to give you some?
10. Let's phone the theater. We may _____ able to get seats for tonight.
11. I wanted to invite James but I _____ able to contact him.
12. The manager _____ able to see you now. Can you come back tomorrow?