

Can-could-be able to

A. Choose the correct word that fills in each blank.

1. I'm right-handed. I ____ write with my left hand.
a. Can b. Can't c. could
2. When I met Alice and Tom, they ____ dance well so they decided to take classes. Now they are good dancers.
a. Can't b. Couldn't c. wasn't able to
3. When my daughter was 7, she ____ to climb trees. Now that she's 13 she does it easily.
a. wasn't able b. could c. Can
4. My computer is broken. I ____ to send messages.
a. couldn't b. Can't c. 'm not able
5. I have a sore throat. I ____ talk much.
a. Can't b. 'm not able c. could
6. When I was young, I ____ eat whatever I liked. I never got fat.
a. was able to b. Can't c. couldn't
7. Sure, I ____ to start work tomorrow.
a. Can b. could c. 'm able
8. ____ rabbits fly?
a. Could b. Can c. Are able to



**B. Choose between could, was/were able to, or both.
Remember the differences in use.**

1. It was the first time Alison _____ break a record in a National Championship.

- a. could b. was able to c. both

2. At the age of 12, Gina _____ run very fast. She won many competitions.

- a. could b. was able to c. both

3. The students _____ pass the TOEFL taken in November.

- a. could b. were able to c. both

4. Unfortunately, not all people _____ escape from the fire.

- a. could b. were able to c. both

5. When Hans and Tony were teenagers, they _____ play the drums so well that many famous singers wanted them to be part of their bands.

- a. could b. were able to c. both

6. My little son _____ read by age four.

- a. could b. was able to c. both

7. Fortunately, Danna _____ skip that difficult question in the debate.

- a. could b. was able to c. both

8. My grandparents were really good pianists. They _____ play the piano amazingly.

- a. could b. were able to c. both

