Ability (modal verbs)

➜ For exercises 3–5 see page 81 in your Students' Book.

3 **Complete the sentences with *can/can't or could/couldn't*.**

1 Do you think pirates ..... could ..... choose where they travelled to?
2 I'm looking, but I ..... see any treasure.
3 He knew he ..... leave home without saying goodbye.
4 She didn't have a good education but she ..... always read and write.
5 I ..... see why people go on archaeological digs. You find such interesting things.
6 The guards ..... understand how the prisoner had escaped.

4 **Match the sentence beginnings (1–6) with the endings (A–F).**

1 She can speak good French ..D..	**A** because I had never been to school.
2 They weren't able to	**B** ride a bike when you were little?
3 I couldn't write at the time	**C** be able to come with us?
4 Do you think you will	**D** because she lived in Canada for three years.
5 Were you able to	**E** because they hadn't been able to sleep well the night before.
6 They were tired	**F** visit the museum because it was closed.

5 **Choose the correct word or phrase, A, B, C or D, to complete the sentences.**

1 ..B.. you remember important dates?
A Are you able **B** Can
C Do can **D** Do you able to

2 She ..... where she had left her shoes.
A weren't able to remember **B** remember
C couldn't remember **D** didn't able to remember

3 The flip-flops broke ..... for a walk in them.
A when he has been **B** after he goes
C after he had been **D** after he has been

4 He doesn't think he ..... to find out the age of the skeleton.
A will can **B** will be able
C was able **D** can

5 It was the first time he ..... the famous Roman fort.
A visit **B** visits
C has visited **D** had visited

6 Did you really think you ..... find treasure without a map?
A could **B** can
C are able **D** have been able

7 They went home after they ..... the jewels.
A founded **B** had found
C were finding **D** have found

8 He ..... to her for two weeks when I last spoke to him.
A hadn't spoken **B** wasn't speaking
C hasn't spoken **D** spoke