

Be Able to

Practice A. Directions: Complete the sentences with the correct form of **be able to**. Do not use contractions in this practice.

Remember:

- You must use a base verb after *able to*.
- You can change positive *be able to* statements by using the negative form of the verb *be* (e.g. *wasn't*, *weren't*, *am not*, *isn't*, *aren't*, and *won't be*).
- You can also contract the subject and the present tense of the verb *be* (e.g. *I'm able to*, *she's able to*, *he's able to*, *they're able to*) as well as its future tense (e.g. *I'll*, *she'll*, *he'll*, *they'll*, *we'll* and *you'll + be able to*)

| Past | Present | Future |
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| I was able to <u>get</u> there on time. | I am able to <u>speak</u> two languages. | I will be able to <u>see</u> you tonight. |
| She was able to <u>get</u> there on time. | She is able to <u>speak</u> two languages. | She will be able to <u>see</u> you tonight. |
| He was able to <u>get</u> there on time. | He is able to <u>speak</u> two languages. | He will be able to <u>see</u> you tonight. |
| They were able to <u>get</u> there on time. | They are able to <u>speak</u> two languages. | They will be able to <u>see</u> you tonight. |
| We were able to <u>get</u> there on time. | We are able to <u>speak</u> two languages. | We will be able to <u>see</u> you tonight. |
| You were able to <u>get</u> there on time. | You are able to <u>speak</u> two languages. | You will be able to <u>see</u> me tonight. |

1. Jenna _____ finish her test on time. She got an A.
2. We're running late. I don't think we _____ catch the next bus.
3. I didn't like working overtime every weekend, but I _____ earn a lot of money.
4. The gym was closed, but he _____ exercise at home.
5. I don't need an accountant. I _____ file my own taxes.
6. If you study every day, you _____ learn English.
7. It was a long and complex process, but we _____ adopt a child.
8. They _____ provide excellent customer service because most of their employees are well trained.
9. Cats _____ see with less light than people.
10. Johnny _____ understand last week's math lesson with the help of a tutor.