

## Grammar in Use

### A Study the grammar.



#### Learn Grammar

#### Modals of Ability



Past	Present	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Tuesday, my gums were fine, and I <b>could</b> eat everything.</li> <li>My teeth hurt and I <b>couldn't</b> eat anything.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today, my gums feel better, so now I <b>can</b> chew.</li> <li>I <b>can't</b> chew hard foods today because my gums hurt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tomorrow, my gums will be fine, and I <b>will be able to</b> eat almost everything.</li> <li>I <b>won't be able to</b> eat nuts until my mouth feels better.</li> </ul>

### 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?

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3



Could he stand up when he was one?

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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

