

PAST ABILITY

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. I ____ open the door while carrying all the shopping.

managed to could

2. The presentation wasn't working at first but we ____ fix it.

could were able to

3. How did you ____ write a book so soon after having a baby?

manage to be able to

4. She ____ ski almost before she learned to walk.

could managed to

5. He ____ attend the last meeting due to his daughter's illness.

weren't able to couldn't

6. ____ get your phone fixed? It looked very broken!

Did you manage to Could you

7. I ____ drink milk as a child because it always made me feel sick.

couldn't didn't manage to

8. The journey went fine yesterday and we ____ find their house easily with GPS.

could were able to

9. We were ____ leave our suitcases with reception while we waited for our room to be ready.

could able to

10. We were ____ get a boat from the island that day because of the bad weather.

not able to not manage to

11. I can't believe you ____ get us a table at the restaurant. It's always full!

could managed to

12. I ____ afford to buy a car so I borrowed money from the bank.

didn't manage to couldn't

13. Luckily, I ____ get to the airport on time, despite the traffic.

managed to could

14. When I first moved to Argentina I ____ only speak a few words of Spanish.

could managed to

15. He ____ swim until he had lessons when he was 20 years old.

didn't manage to couldn't

16. I ____ touch my toes until I started doing yoga and became more flexible.

could couldn't