

## 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