

Grammar Practice

Could/Was able to/used to

Name: _____

Select the correct word or phrase.

1. He went to live near the mountains so that he **could/was able to** go climbing every weekend.
2. All of the students **could/were able to** pass the exam because it was easy.
3. Tom **could/was able to** read and write when he was only three years old.
4. She **couldn't/wasn't able to** speak any French at all before she went to live in Paris.
5. I **couldn't/wasn't able to** go to the meeting because I had a dentist appointment.

Fill in the blanks using: **could, couldn't, was able to, wasn't able to, were able to, weren't able to, used to, or didn't use to.**

1. I _____ solve crossword puzzles when I was three years old, but I can now.
2. I _____ be afraid of heights, but now I can't even climb a ladder.
3. The bakery was open, so I _____ buy some bread.
4. He _____ speak French fluently by the age of eight.
5. My grandmother _____ have any pets, but now she has six cats.
6. I'm terribly sorry that I _____ attend your daughter's wedding.
7. The restaurant wasn't packed, so we _____ to get a table.