

Practice

Choose the correct adjective form for each blank.

1. Halloween was probably the most _____ film I have ever seen
(**FRIGHTENED / FRIGHTENING**).
 2. I always get so _____ when my dad starts speaking English (**EMBARRASSED / EMBARRASSING**).
 3. I am _____ to see how well he gets along with his stepfather. (**SURPRISED / SURPRISING**)
 4. The lesson was so _____ that I fell asleep (**BORED / BORING**).
 5. As the big day came closer, my sister became _____ nervous (**INCREASED / INCREASINGLY**).
 6. You've been walking for 5 hours. You must feel _____ (**EXHAUSTED / EXHAUSTING**).
 7. I was _____ when I saw him in that outfit for the first time. (**FRIGHTENED / FRIGHTENING**)
 8. I didn't like the film. The plot was rather simple and _____. (**UNINTERESTED / UNINTERESTING**)
 9. It's _____ to see how many people didn't care to vote in the last election .
(**SURPRISED / SURPRISING**)
 10. You look a bit _____. Don't you know what you're supposed to do ?
(**CONFUSED / CONFUSING**)
 11. I saw that my boss was very _____ with how I behaved . (**ANNOYED / ANNOYING**)
 12. They were all very _____ by the performance of the actors. (**IMPRESSED / IMPRESSING**)
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1. In this exercise you have to use can or be able to. Sometimes it is possible to use either; sometimes only be able to is possible.

Example: 'George has travelled a lot. He can (or is able to) speak four languages.
I haven't been able to sleep very well recently.

1. Tom _____ drive but he hasn't got a car.
2. I can't understand Martin. I've never _____ understand him.
3. I used to _____ stand on my head but I can't do it now.
4. Ask Ann about your problem. She should _____ help you.

2. In this exercise you have to complete the sentence with **could ...**

Example: I can't sing now but I could sing very well when I was a child.

1. He can't play tennis very well now but he _____ quite well when he was younger.
2. She can't run very fast now but when she was at school she _____ faster than anyone else.
3. I can't swim very far these days but ten years ago I _____ from one side of the lake to the other.

3. This time you have to answer the questions with **was/were able to**.

Example: Jill's coat was dirty so she took it to the cleaners. Now it is clean. What has Jill done? She has had her coat cleaned.

1. Did they find your house?
Yes. It took them a long time but they _____.
2. Did you win the match?
Yes. It wasn't easy but I _____.
3. Did the thief escape?
Yes. The policeman chased the thief but he _____.

4. Now you have to complete a sentence with **could, was/were able to or couldn't**.

Example: My grandfather was very clever. He could (or was able to) speak five languages.
I looked everywhere for the book but I couldn't find it.
The fire spread quickly but everyone was able to escape.

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1. He had **hurt** his leg, so he _____ walk very well.
 2. She wasn't at home when I phoned but I _____ contact her at her office.
 3. I looked very carefully and I _____ see a figure in the distance.
 4. They didn't have any tomatoes in the first shop I went to, but I _____ get some in the next shop.
 5. My grandmother loved music. She _____ play the piano very well.
 6. The boy fell into the river but fortunately we _____ rescue him.
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