

### 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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