

Choose the correct option, in case both options are possible, choose both:

## Anyone for tennis?

I love all sports and have always wanted to <sup>1</sup>**be able to** / **can** play tennis. So, last year, at the age of 45, I decided to learn. I was really happy when I found a teacher who <sup>2</sup>**was able to** / **could** give me lessons and so I started. Unfortunately, after the first few lessons, I realized that I'd never <sup>3</sup>**can** / **be able to** play this game. One of the problems was that I <sup>4</sup>**couldn't** / **wasn't able to** move fast enough because I am not very fit. The other problem is that tennis is not an easy sport to learn quickly. I hated <sup>5</sup>**not can** / **not being able to** hit the ball over the net. It was really frustrating! Did I learn anything? Yes, I did... that I'll never <sup>6</sup>**be able to** / **can** play tennis!



## It's never too late

My 78-year-old grandfather <sup>7</sup>**couldn't** / **wasn't able to** even turn on a computer until about two years ago. All that changed when he decided that he wanted to <sup>8</sup>**can** / **be able to** use the internet and he did a course at his local Adult Education Centre. Although he really enjoyed the course, he <sup>9</sup>**couldn't** / **wasn't able to** put what he learnt in his classes into practice because he didn't have a computer. So, for his birthday I bought him his own laptop and that's when he really started learning! Now, he <sup>10</sup>**'s able to** / **can** use the internet really well and send emails. What he loves most is <sup>11</sup>**can** / **being able to** speak and see his grandchildren on Skype at least once a week. They live in Australia and if he didn't have a computer, he <sup>12</sup>**couldn't** / **wouldn't be able to** keep in touch with them so much.



Complete the sentences with *can* / *can't* or *could* / *couldn't*. If a form of *can* / *could* isn't possible, complete the sentence with a form of *be able to*.

- 1 At the end of the six-week course, you'll be able to design your own website.
- 2 Masha called me yesterday because she remember how to get to my house.
- 3 Simon isn't going to finish the report by the end of the day.
- 4 Pierre has passed his driving test so now he drive his father's car.
- 5 I haven't speak to Harry for over three weeks. He never answers his phone.
- 6 The train was delayed so I get to the meeting on time.
- 7 Miriam hates not play chess as well as Luke. He always beats her and she's a really bad loser!
- 8 Sometimes when you're on Skype you hear the other person very well.
- 9 do what you like is the best thing about a holiday.
- 10 I'm afraid I won't go away this weekend. I'm too busy.
- 11 You should do this exercise without any help. It's quite easy.
- 12 We park here: there are no spaces.