

**5** Complete the sentences about learning a language using *could*, *was/were able to*, *managed to* or *succeeded in* and the verb in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 The video I got was in Turkish, but I ..... (find) English subtitles on the main menu.
- 2 My sister is an amazing linguist: she ..... (speak) four languages fluently by the time she was twelve.
- 3 Esperanto was invented to be a world language, but supporters of it ..... (not / convince) enough people to use it.
- 4 When I first moved to England, I ..... (not / understand) native speakers because they spoke so quickly.
- 5 I had a friend who was brought up speaking three different languages, but I don't think he ..... (express) himself clearly in any of them!
- 6 I learned Italian for eight years at school and ..... (get) an 'A' grade in my exams. But when I tried to use it on holiday last year, I ..... (only / remember) the grammar, not the vocabulary.