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.

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