

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.