

1 Choose the correct answers. Sometimes two answers are correct.

- I ___ swim until I was 15 years old.
A couldn't B managed to
C wasn't able to
- How ___ fix Mark's computer?
A could you B did you manage to
C managed you to
- Stella could read before she ___ walk.
A was able to B could
C might be able to
- Tom has hurt his leg, so we ___ play tennis next weekend.
A won't be able to B couldn't
C didn't manage to
- In the end, I ___ persuade my dad to buy me a scooter.
A was able to B managed to
C will be able to
- Tickets are going to be very difficult to get, but with luck we ___ buy some on the internet.
A could B might be able to
C will be able to
- ___ finish your project on time last week?
A Did you manage to B Could you
C Will you be able to
- It was hard work, but eventually I ___ climb over the garden wall.
A managed to B could
C was able to

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be able to* and the verbs in the box.

beat come go help
mend play see visit

- I'm not sure yet, but I _____ (not) to your party tomorrow.
- When we climbed to the top of the mountain, we _____ the whole city.
- I think I _____ this bicycle – it could be easy, or it could be impossible.
- When I get a car, we _____ anywhere we like at the weekend!
- I asked Olivia for advice, but she _____ (not) me.
- Even if you train every day for a year, you _____ (not) me in a 100-metre race!
- She hopes she _____ her grandmother soon.
- We _____ (not) football tomorrow – it depends on the weather.

3 Correct the mistakes in five of the sentences. Which one is correct?

- He thought he can swim.
- He is so sly that he managed to avoid detection for a long period by pretending to be a good man.
- It was the first time a song could make me cry.
- As I ordered him not to move, I could call the police.
- Even though he was born into a poor family, he managed it to go to school.
- We decided to find a job in order to can get the money for Carla's present.

VOCABULARY

Adjective + preposition

1 Match the prepositions in the box to the adjectives.

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| 1 addicted _____ | 5 keen _____ |
| 2 annoyed _____ | 6 nervous _____ |
| 3 disappointed _____ | 7 surprised _____ |
| 4 furious _____ | 8 suitable _____ |

2 Complete each sentence with an adjective and a preposition from Exercise 1.

- I always get _____ exams, and never sleep well the night before.
- Our teacher gets very _____ students talking in class, and sometimes shouts at them.
- I thought her first novel was great, but I was _____ her second one, which wasn't nearly as good.
- Dan's _____ computer games – he just can't stop playing them.
- My dad was absolutely _____ me when I crashed my bike into his car.
- The organisers were _____ the number of people who turned up – they weren't expecting so many.
- This book is quite frightening, so it isn't _____ young children.
- I'm not really _____ novels, but I read a lot of comics.