


7  ¹¹ Complete the text with the correct past form of *be*, *could* or *couldn't*. Then listen and check.



SCHOOL LIFE IN ANCIENT EGYPT



In some ways, schools in Ancient Egypt **1** (...) very similar to schools today. There **2** (...) tables and chairs in the classrooms, and there **3** (...) a type of paper called 'papyrus', so students **4** (...) write. They wrote using hieroglyphic symbols. There **5** (...) about 700 symbols in the Egyptian alphabet!

But most teenagers didn't go to school because education **6** (...) free. Only the sons of rich families **7** (...) study. Girls usually helped at home, and most of them **8** (...) read or write.

