

Test 15

Name

Can, could, be able to

1 Circle the correct option.

- Could he/Will he be able to run that far?
- 1 Our teacher says we can/could go home now.
 - 2 Can/Could you possibly lend me some money?
 - 3 Can/Could you make my sandwiches?
 - 4 Can/Could you see who is singing?
 - 5 He said we could/were able to go to the concert.
 - 6 They could/were able to catch the last bus.
 - 7 Do you think you can/could close the door?
 - 8 Were they able to/Could they put the fire out in time?
 - 9 Could you/Are you able to see who's at the door?
 - 10 I'm afraid Linda can't/couldn't come to school tomorrow because she's sick.

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3 Complete the text with the words in the box.

will be able to was able to aren't able to
won't be able to could can (3x) are able to
has been able to can't

I've always said I ¹ could play tennis better than Alex, but he ¹ _____ play badminton better than me, so I don't think I ² _____ win our school competition next week. I ³ _____ beat him once because he didn't play well, but he ⁴ _____ win all our other games easily. I hope both of us ⁵ _____ play in the summer tennis competition. I'm sure we ⁶ _____ both do well, because most people ⁷ _____ play as well as we ⁸ _____. If we play well next June they ⁹ _____ beat either of us. You ¹⁰ _____ imagine how slow they are!

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2 Write *Yes* next to sentences where the past tense of *can* is possible instead of *be able to*. Write *No* next to the ones where it isn't.

- ▶ Someone must be able to help! No
I was able to play the violin when I was a child. Yes
- 1 His leg was broken but he was able to crawl downstairs. ____
 - 2 My sister was able to ride a bicycle better than me. ____
 - 3 The driver was able to stop before the lorry hit the car. ____
 - 4 George's father was able to write backwards. ____
 - 5 We were able to take most of the books inside before they got wet. ____
 - 6 When the fog cleared we were able to see for miles. ____
 - 7 She was able to stop the bleeding using a towel. ____
 - 8 I worked during the holidays and was able to save some money. ____
 - 9 Martin was able to kick well with both feet. ____
 - 10 Tom was able to read when he was four. ____

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4 Complete the sentences with *could* or the correct form of *be able to*.

- ▶ In an hour it will be possible for him to come.
He will be able to come in an hour.
- 1 It rained, but she got the washing in in time.
She _____ get the washing in in time.
 - 2 He offered to take us in his car.
'I _____ take you in my car if you like.'
 - 3 You should remind me tomorrow.
_____ remind me tomorrow?
 - 4 I'm asking her if she bought some milk today.
'_____ buy some milk today?'
 - 5 Maybe another 10 kilometres is too far!
'I'm not sure I _____ walk after 10 more kilometres!'

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