

COULD VS WAS ABLE TO

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word given. Do not change the word.

Example: Despite his injury, Mark successfully completed the marathon. (ABLE)

Despite his injury, Mark was able to complete the marathon.

1. When I was a child, I had the ability to swim very long distances. (COULD)

When I was a child, I _____ very long distances.

2. Before she became ill, Emma had the ability to run very fast. (COULD)

Before she became ill, Emma _____ very fast.

3. The mountain was steep, but the cyclists successfully reached the top. (ABLE)

The mountain was steep, but the cyclists _____ the top.

4. I didn't have the ability to do push-ups when I first joined the gym. (COULDN'T)

When I first joined the gym, I _____ push-ups.

5. Although the water was freezing, we successfully swam across the lake. (ABLE)

Although the water was freezing, we _____ across the lake.

6. Because of the pain in her ankle, she was unsuccessful in finishing yesterday's race. (UNABLE)

Because of the pain in her ankle, she _____ yesterday's race.

