Unit 8 Grammar Standard

can, *could* and *will be able to* for ability

1 Choose the correct words.

1 She **could** / **can** sing very well when she was young.

2 Soon we'**ll be able to** / **could** go to the new shopping centre.

3 I **can't** / **not able to** see the clock from here.

4 We **can't** / **couldn't** read when we were four.

5 They **couldn't** / **won't be able to** understand the film because it was in Russian.

6 Now I **can** / **could** chat to my friends on my new computer!

7 We **can** / **won't be able to** watch the programme tonight because we're going out.

2 Complete the text with the correct positive or negative form of *could*, *can* or *will be able to*.

Amy is my English friend. We first met about three years ago, in the queue at a cinema. I'd forgotten my wallet, so I (1) *couldn't* buy a ticket. But Amy bought one for me! The film was a mystery and I (2) _____ guess the ending, but Amy worked it out and I thought she was very clever.

We both love films. When we haven't got any money and we (3) _____ go out, we watch DVDs at home. Sometimes, we go to special evenings at our local cinema where you (4) _____ watch two films one after the other.

But we don't agree on everything. We're going to the cinema tomorrow. Amy wants to watch a 3D film, but I'm not keen. I (5) _____ wear the glasses because they'll make me feel sick. But it's her birthday, so I mustn't complain. And it's OK because I (6) _____ choose the film next time. If it's a mystery, I hope I (7) _____ to solve it.

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