

LIFE 5 - UNIT 11A: PAST ABILITIES

Name: _____



Complete the sentences using **can**, **could**, or **was able to**. Use negative forms where necessary. Sometimes more than one form is possible.

1. A: _____ you speak Dutch?
B: No, not really. I _____ speak it when I was a child, but then my family left the Netherlands and I lost touch with the language.
2. A: Did you go to the concert last night?
B: No, I _____ get a ticket.
3. A: Do you know if Sarah _____ get home alright last night?
B: Yes, she caught the last train with just minutes to spare!
4. A: How's the snow?
B: Amazing! Another ten inches fell two nights ago. I _____ get to the office yesterday morning!
5. A: I'm sorry, I _____ come to the meeting this afternoon. Something's come up.
B: OK. Don't worry. I'll take notes for you.



Choose the correct options.

1. He loved the water and could / couldn't / wasn't able to swim when he was three.
2. I'd love to can / could / be able to swim like him.
3. She teaches French and she can't / could / is able to speak Chinese as well.
4. He's lost his driver's license. He can't / couldn't / hasn't been able to drive for the last two years.
5. We're a bit worried about Jake. He's six years old, but he still can / can't / couldn't read.
6. You used to could / be able to / was able to see the sea from here, before they built that apartment building.
7. He was heartbroken, but he can / could / couldn't understand why she'd left him.
8. I'm having laser treatment on my eyes, so I'll can / could / be able to read without glasses.



LIFE 5 - UNIT 11B: FUTURE IN THE PAST



Match the two halves of the sentences.

1. I was going to take a day off from work, •
2. Shaun was about to •
3. The builders promised •
4. I thought you would •
5. She would have •
6. You were supposed •

- want to come to the restaurant with us.
- but I had too much to do at the office.
- they were going to finish by the end of the week.
- to catch the plane an hour ago!
- go home when his boss asked him to stay behind.
- invited you as well, but she didn't know your email.



Rewrite the first sentence using the word in orange.

1. I was going to call you, but you called me.

about:

I _____, but you called me.

2. She knew that you are always late and you were.

would:

She knew you _____, and you were.

3. Why weren't you here at nine?

supposed:

_____ here at nine!

4. I thought about asking you to marry me years ago, but I never thought you'd say "yes"!

would have:

I _____ you to marry me years ago, but I never thought you'd say "yes"!

5. I'd planned to go away for the weekend, but I didn't go.

going:

I _____, but I didn't go.

