

# LESSON 27

**LANGUAGE FOCUS** • *can, could, be able to*  
I can talk about past, present and future ability.



"If I ever go to Japan, I'm sure the pilot will be able to find it, so why do I have to know where it is?"

PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THE STUDENT SAID TO THE TEACHER: THE PILOT **WILL BE ABLE TO** FIND IT. WHAT IS HE REFERRING TO?

MATCH THE DEFINITIONS

CAN
COULD
BE ABLE TO

ABILITY/CAPACITY IN THE FUTURE

ABILITY/CAPACITY IN THE PRESENT

ABILITY/CAPACITY IN THE PAST

## 1. LOOK AT THE RULES, THEN READ AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS

- 'Will you be able to / Can you hear the bell in your classroom?'  
'Yes, we can. It's really loud!'
- In the future, we **could** / **will be able to** do all our exams online.
- At my last school, we **won't be able to** / **couldn't** use tablets in class.
- These days, many students **can** / **could** find out what their homework is from the school's website.
- 'In the past, **will students be able to** / **could students** use computers in class?'  
'No, they couldn't.'
- Turn the music down. I **can't** / **couldn't** study.

CAN'T - COULDN'T- CAN - WILL BE ABLE TO - CAN

## HOMESCHOOLING

Many people think that homeschooling is much easier than going to school. They think homeschoolers <sup>1</sup> ..... get out of bed at any time they like and simply have a relaxing day. The truth is that homeschoolers <sup>2</sup> ..... do whatever they like: they have a timetable like students at ordinary schools. In the past, teachers or parents taught children at home who <sup>3</sup> ..... go to school. This was often because they lived too far away from the nearest school.

Today, many parents choose to homeschool their children. They believe that if they teach their children at home, they <sup>4</sup> ..... learn better this way. They also think their children <sup>5</sup> ..... get better exam results in the future.





MOST APPROPRIATE OPTIONS

<https://kahoot.it/>

<https://padlet.com/teacheralexisleyes/Bookmarks>

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND UPLOAD A NICE PICTURE RELATED TO YOUR IDEAS!

**Finished?**

**Write three things you couldn't do when you were three years old and three things you'll be able to do when you're twenty.**