

CALT - MON-4_6 – LANGUAGE FOCUS - NGUYỄN LÊ MAI THY

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1. Could, Was/ Were able to (có thể, có khả năng)

- 1.1. **Could:** được dùng để chỉ khả năng nói chung hoặc được phép làm điều gì trong quá khứ.

Eg 1: My grandfather was very clever. He could speak five languages.

Eg 2: We were totally free. We could do whatever we wanted.

- 1.2. **Was/ Were able to:** bên cạnh chỉ khả năng COULD, còn được dùng để chỉ khả năng xảy ra ở một tình huống cụ thể trong quá khứ.

Eg: A girl fell into the river, but fortunately we were able to rescue her.

NOTE: Đối với câu phủ định, có thể dùng COULD NOT hoặc WAS/WERE NOT ABLE TO.

Eg: My father couldn't swim. (= My father wasn't able to swim.)

2. EXERCISES

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences, using could, couldn't or was/were (not) able to.

(Gợi ý: Couldn't / wasn't able to/ was able to/ could)

Exercise 2. Read the situation and write a sentence with a tag question.

Gợi ý:

1. It's (very) expensive, isn't it?
2. The film was great, wasn't it?
3. She has a lovely voice, doesn't she?
4. It doesn't look very good, does it?
5. You've had your hair cut, haven't you?

Exercise 3. Mark and Jenny were showing some family photographs to a friend. Here are some of (Mark và Jenny đang chỉ cho một người bạn xem các bức ảnh gia đình. Dưới đây là một vài câu hỏi đã được hỏi. Hoàn thành câu hỏi bằng cách thêm các câu hỏi đuôi.)

Gợi ý:

1. That's a lovely picture of Sally. She looks just like Mary, doesn't she?
2. I think you've seen this one before, haven't you?
3. This photograph was taken in Scotland, wasn't it?
4. We took this on holiday, didn't we?
5. We'll go there again next year, won't we?
6. You can see the sea in the distance, can't you?
7. That must be Jenny's father, mustn't it?