

UNIT 12: ROBOTS

D. VERB FORMS

I. Complete these sentences with “could, couldn’t” or “was, were able to”.

1. A girl fell into the river but fortunately we _____ rescue her.
2. I _____ walk when I was less than a year old.
3. My grandfather _____ walk without any help last night.
4. _____ you understand what he was saying?
5. My grandmother _____ speak Spanish.
6. Suddenly all the lights went out. We _____ see a thing.
7. The computer went wrong, but luckily Emma _____ put it right again.
8. There was a big party last night. You _____ hear the music half a mile away.
9. I learnt to read sheet music as a child. I _____ read it when I was five.
10. People heard warnings about the food, and they _____ move out in time.
11. She wasn’t at home when I phoned but I _____ contact her at her office.
12. Mrs Carter _____ put out the fire before the house burnt down.
13. I looked everywhere for the books, but _____ find it.
14. The plane _____ take off at eleven o’clock, after the fog had lifted.
15. Jack was an excellent tennis player. He _____ beat anybody.
16. The car fell into the river. The worker _____ get it out but the driver was dead.
17. I knew the town so I _____ advise him where to go.
18. Despite the arrival of the storm, they _____ finish the football match.
19. After his car crashes, he was so confused that he . _____ tell the police who he was or where he was going.
20. I haven’t _____ concentrate recently on work. I don’t know what it is.

II. Complete the sentences, using "couldn't" and the verbs in the box.

<i>find</i>	<i>finish</i>	<i>go</i>	<i>hear</i>
<i>listen</i>	<i>play</i>	<i>sleep</i>	<i>understand</i>

1. My dad _____ to work because he was ill.
2. John _____ his pen. It wasn't in his school bag.
3. Mary wasn't hungry - she _____ her lunch.
4. I _____ Jane because I don't speak German.
5. We _____ the teacher because the students were very noisy.
6. Tom _____ to music because his CD player was broken.
7. I was very tired but I _____.
8. We _____ tennis because the weather was bad.

III. Complete the first conditional sentences.

1. If we stay at home, we (**miss**) _____ the show.
2. We (**ask**) _____ about it, if you want.
3. If he (**want**) _____ it, we'll buy it.
4. If it (**not/ work**) _____, we'll take it back.
5. They (**not/ go**) _____ on holiday this year, if their friends come to see them.
6. You will be tired tomorrow if you (**not/ go**) _____ to bed early.
7. The boys (**wear**) _____ their new T-shirts tomorrow if it is sunny?
8. The cake (**burn**) _____ if he doesn't turn off the oven.
9. We won't go to the beach tomorrow if it (**rain**) _____.
10. Will you walk to school if the bus (**not/ come**) _____ soon?

IV. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense or form.

1. If we _____ (**not stop**) cutting down so many trees, we'll endanger our oxygen supply.
2. Last year Mr. Johnson _____ (**teach**) us Robotics.
3. My sister is really busy – she _____ (**study**) for the exam.
4. In the future, robots _____ (**do**) things that people can't do or don't want to do.
5. Mark _____ (**be**) to Sa Pa twice. The first time _____ (**be**) more than ten years ago.
6. How often _____ (**you/ do**) household chores? ~ Every day.
7. Twenty years ago, most people around the world _____ (**not know**) what the Internet was.
8. If we dump all sorts of chemicals into rivers, we _____ (**not be able to**) swim in them in the future.