7 11 **Complete the text with the correct past form of *be*, *could* or *couldn't*. Then listen and check.**

SCHOOL LIFE IN ANCIENT EGYPT

In some ways, schools in Ancient Egypt **1** (…) very similar to schools today. There **2** (…) tables and chairs in the classrooms, and there **3** (…) a type of paper called 'papyrus', so students **4** (…) write. They wrote using hieroglyphic symbols. There **5** (…) about 700 symbols in the Egyptian alphabet!

But most teenagers didn't go to school because education **6** (…) free. Only the sons of rich families **7** (…) study. Girls usually helped at home, and most of them **8** (…) read or write.

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