EXERCISES

Can could

Answer key

1 Complete with can, can't, could or couldn't.

1 My husband *can't* cook at all, but he makes great pancakes.

2 When I was younger, I *could* run ten miles without stopping.

3 I *can't* hear you. The music is too loud.

4 *Can* you drive a stick shift?

5 We *couldn't* sleep last night because of the storm.

6 My daughter *could* swim when she was three.

7 Sorry, I *can't* come to your party on Saturday. I'm working.

8 She *can* speak three languages. Her mom is French.

9 I *couldn't* find a parking spot, so I was late.

10 *Could* you see the stage from your seat last night?

2 Complete with the correct form of be able to.

1 I hope I *will be able to* (be able to) visit you next summer.

2 Since the surgery, my dad *hasn't been able to* (not / be able to) walk without a cane.

3 I'd like *to be able to* (be able to) work from home two days a week.

4 After this course, you *will be able to* (be able to) order food in Spanish.

5 We *haven't been able to* (not / be able to) reach her since Monday. Her phone is off.

6 I'm sorry, I *won't be able to* (not / be able to) make it to the meeting tomorrow.

7 It's great *to be able to* (be able to) talk to my clients in English.

8 *Will* you *be able to* (be able to) finish the project by Friday?

9 I *have never been able to* (never / be able to) wake up early. I'm a night owl.

3 Circle the correct form.

1 The fire spread fast, but everyone _____ get out of the building.

could / (was able to) / can

2 When I was in college, I _____ eat anything and never gain weight.

(could) / can / managed to

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3 Circle the correct form.

3 The flight was full, but we _____ get two seats together.
could / (managed to) / can

4 I tried and tried, but I _____ open the jar.
(couldn't) / can't / wasn't able

5 After three hours, the mechanic _____ fix the car. could / (was able to) / can

6 My grandfather _____ fix anything. He was amazing with his hands.
(could) / is able / managed to

7 It was foggy, but the pilot _____ land the plane safely.
(managed to) / could / can

8 I _____ get tickets for the concert. They sold out in minutes.
(wasn't able to) / managed to / am not able

9 The traffic was terrible, but I _____ get to the airport on time.
(managed to) / could / can be able to

4 Choose the correct answer.

1 _____ I borrow your charger for a minute?
(Can) / Do / Will

2 _____ you tell me where the restrooms are, please? (Could) / Are / Do

3 a) (Could we get the check, please?)
b) Could we to get the check, please?
c) Could we getting the check, please?

4 a) I will can help you tomorrow.
b) (I will be able to help you tomorrow.)
c) I can to help you tomorrow.

5 a) (She has been able to swim since she was six.)
b) She can swim since she was six.
c) She could to swim since she was six.

6 a) I can to speak a little German.
b) I am able speak a little German.
c) (I can speak a little German.)

5 Put the words in order.

1 early / a / today / I / could / leave / little / ?
Could I leave a little early today?

2 the / piano / wife / play / my / can / .
My wife can play the piano.

5 Put the words in order.

3 couldn't / I / hotel / find / the / .

I couldn't find the hotel.

4 to / remotely / next / work / year / be / I'll / able / .

I'll be able to work remotely next year.

5 managed / train / catch / last / I / to / the / .

I managed to catch the last train.

6 will / you / come / able / to / tomorrow / be / ?

Will you be able to come tomorrow?

7 to / for / been / I / week / a / sleep / haven't / able / .

I haven't been able to sleep for a week.

8 suitcase / you / could / help / me / with / my / ?

Could you help me with my suitcase?

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 He can plays the guitar really well.

He can play the guitar really well.

2 We were able to finding a good hotel.

We were able to find a good hotel.

3 I haven't be able to call her yet.

I haven't been able to call her yet.

4 Can you sends me the file today?

Can you send me the file today?

5 When I was young, I can run really fast.

When I was young, I could run really fast.

6 She is able to speaks four languages.

She is able to speak four languages.

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6 **Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.**

7 I could not opened the door.

I could not open the door.

8 Can I borrows your pen for a second?

Can I borrow your pen for a second?

9 We was able to get a refund.

We were able to get a refund.

YOUR LIFE

7 **Write about your skills, then and now.**

AS A KID I COULD...	NEXT YEAR I WILL BE ABLE TO...

Answers will vary.