

### 1 Match 1–6 to A–F.

- 1 I read the opening chapter twice, but I couldn't F.
- 2 Can you believe he managed .....
- 3 I'm afraid I might .....
- 4 My dad can speak .....
- 5 Were you .....
- 6 Did you manage to .....

- A able to ignore the predictable plot?
- B German and Russian.
- C to write the whole book in six days?
- D finish all your homework yesterday?
- E not be able to help you today.
- F understand what it was about.

### 2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 I could / can swim by the time I was three years old.
- 2 Sorry, I couldn't / can't help you right now. Maybe later.
- 3 When I was five I can / was able to read well.
- 4 The drawer was stuck but I could / managed to open it.
- 5 I might not be able to / couldn't come to your party next Sunday.
- 6 Do you think you and your friends will be able to / can play sport when you're 70?

### 3 Complete the sentences about you.

- 1 I can ..... well.
- 2 I can't ..... very well.
- 3 When I was born I couldn't .....
- 4 I didn't manage to ..... yesterday.
- 5 I won't be able to ..... in the near future.

### 4 Correct the mistake in bold in each sentence.

**Sometimes more than one answer is possible.**

- 1 I don't have a lot of free time, but I **managed** to keep fit.  
I don't have a lot of free time, but I manage to keep fit.
- 2 How was the match yesterday? I hope you **could** win.  
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- 3 I **couldn't be able to** meet you later.  
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- 4 I might **can** bring an extra sleeping bag.  
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- 5 Last year I **didn't be able to** do that trick.  
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- 6 I'll never **can** live in the countryside.  
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### 5 Rewrite each sentence with a word from the box in the correct place.

able ~~can~~ can't couldn't managed were

- 1 I borrow that book when you've finished reading it?  
Can I borrow that book when you've finished reading it?
- 2 My little brother ride a bike but I can.  
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- 3 When the boys were only eight, they able to speak four languages.  
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- 4 The pizza was so big I wasn't to finish it.  
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- 5 In the past, people make video calls but now they can.  
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- 6 It was a hard match but we to win in the end.  
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### 6 Complete the email with the words and phrases in the box.

been can can't ~~couldn't~~ Have is able managed to still will be able to

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Reply Forward

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_  
 To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hey Kimmy,  
 How are you? I'm fine. I'm reading a good book at the moment. It's called *The Broken Gate*. I'd been looking for it for ages. I <sup>1</sup> couldn't find it in any shop, but I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ find it on the internet for five euros. Bargain! Anyway, it's about a girl with special powers. She <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to see into the future when she is asleep, but when she wakes up, she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ remember anything at all about what she has dreamed. It's quite a long book so I don't think I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ finish it soon, but when I do, you <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ borrow it if you want. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you finished that book you've <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ reading, or are you <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ reading it?  
 Speak soon.  
 Bye!

### 1

- 2 C
- 3 E
- 4 B
- 5 A
- 6 D

### 2

- 2 can't
- 3 was able to
- 4 managed to
- 5 might not be able to
- 6 will be able to

### 3

Students' own answers

### 4

- 2 How was the match yesterday? I hope you **were able to/managed to** win.
- 3 I **can't/won't be able to** meet you later.
- 4 I might **be able to** bring an extra sleeping bag.
- 5 Last year I **wasn't able to/couldn't** do that trick.
- 6 I'll never **be able to** live in the countryside.

### 5

- 2 My little brother **can't** ride a bike but I can.
- 3 When the boys were only eight, they **were** able to speak four languages.
- 4 The pizza was so big I wasn't **able** to finish it.
- 5 In the past, people **couldn't** make video calls but now they can.
- 6 It was a hard match but we **managed** to win in the end.

### 6

- 2 managed to
- 3 is able
- 4 can't
- 5 will be able to
- 6 can
- 7 Have
- 8 been
- 9 still