

1 Match 1–6 to A–G. There is one extra option.

- 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.
- G can't cook very well.

2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences. Sometimes two are possible.

- 1 I could / can / will be able to swim by the time I was three years old.
- 2 Sorry, I *don't manage to* / can't / couldn't help you right now. Maybe later.
- 3 When I was five I *could* / can / was able to read well.
- 4 The drawer was stuck but I *managed to* / could / can open it.
- 5 I *might not be able to* / couldn't / can't come to your party next Sunday.
- 6 Do you think you and your friends *will be able to* / can / could 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 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 I don't have much free time, but I managed to keep fit.
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- 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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5 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

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

6 Complete the email with the words and phrases in the box. There is one extra.

are able 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 ¹ couldn't find it in any shop, but I ² find it on the internet for five euros. Bargain! Anyway, it's about a girl with special powers. She ³ to see into the future when she is asleep, but when she wakes up, she ⁴ remember anything at all about what she has dreamt. It's quite a long book so I don't think I ⁵ finish it soon, but when I do, you ⁶ borrow it if you want. ⁷ you finished that book you've ⁸ reading, or are you ⁹ reading it?
Speak soon.

1

2 C

3 E

4 B

5 A

6 D

not needed: G

2

2 can't

3 could/was able to

4 managed to

5 might not be able to/can't

6 will be able to

3

Students' own answers

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2 How was the match yesterday? I hope you **were able/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.

5

2 can't

3 were

4 able

5 couldn't

6 managed

6

2 managed to

3 is able

4 can't

5 will be able to

6 can

7 have

8 been

9 still