

5D – Preview Answers



You choose

Complete each sentence with *could* or *managed to*.

1. I was sitting at the front of the room so I *could* hear the teacher perfectly.
2. My uncle *could* do all kinds of magic tricks.
3. Once when I was a child, I *managed to* climb to the top of the playground castle.
4. My sister *could* draw really well when she was younger.
5. It was a difficult problem, but they *managed to* solve it.
6. *Could* you speak English when you were in high school?
7. The train was really crowded today, but I *managed to* find a seat.
8. It was so foggy on the mountain, I *could* not see anything.



You try

Answers may vary.

Read the sentences below and write one with the same meaning.

1. I wasn't able to go to the beach yesterday. I can't go to the beach today.
I haven't been able to go to the beach.
2. I can't sleep when my neighbours are noisy. My neighbours have been noisy all week.
I haven't been able to sleep all week because of my noisy neighbours.
3. I finished my homework today. I also finished my homework every other day this week.
I have been able to finish my homework every day this week.
4. Tom invited me to his birthday party on Saturday. I am free on Saturday.
I will be able to go to Tom's birthday party on Saturday.
5. Tom invited Shelley to his birthday party on Saturday. Shelley is working on Saturday.
Shelley won't be able to go to Tom's birthday party.
6. Jason can't go to school because he is sick. He has been sick all week.
Jason hasn't been able to go to school this week.
7. Rebecca was in a car accident last month. She still can't walk.
Rebecca hasn't been able to walk since her car accident.
8. In my country people can vote when they are 18 years old. I will turn 18 next month.
I will be able to vote next month when I turn 18.



Your turn

Answers will vary.

Write down three things that you *could* do when you were younger.

I could play the piano when I was younger, and I could also play the drums. I could concentrate enough to read a book every day.

Write down three things you *have* or *haven't been able to* do this year.

I haven't been able to find a house I want to buy.

I have been able to commute to work every day.

I haven't been able to sleep very well.

Did you manage to answer all the questions on this page?

Yes, I did.