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Language quiz

Now let's practise what you learned in the lesson! A, B or C – which is correct?

Example

I _____ ride a bike.

A) can B) am able to C) both

*I **can/am able to** ride a bike.*

1. I couldn't cook when I was younger, but now I _____.
A) could B) can C) both
2. I _____ fix my computer when it broke.
A) could B) was able to C) both
3. Rahim _____ cook dinner until he gets back from work at 7pm.
A) aren't able to B) won't be able to C) both
4. Elias _____ sing very well.
A) can B) is able to C) both
5. Beatriz _____ speak five languages.
A) is able to B) are able to C) both
6. Ling _____ find her dog when it ran away.
A) couldn't B) wasn't able to C) both
7. Aisha _____ run faster than all her classmates.
A) could B) was able to C) both
8. I _____ concentrate on work when the TV is on.
A) can't B) isn't able to C) both

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.

Show what you can do: writing

Now practise writing some sentences or speaking with a friend!

1) Write 2 sentences about things you could do in the past but can't do now.

Example

I could run fast when I was young but I can't now.

2) Write 2 sentences about things you couldn't do in the past but can do now.

Example

I couldn't cook when I was young but now I can.

3) Write 2 sentences about things you can't do now but will be able to in the future.

Example

I will be able to buy a new phone when I get paid.

Answers to exercise on page 1

1. B – I couldn't cook when I was younger, but now I **can**.
2. B – I **was able to** fix my computer when it broke.
3. B – Rahim **won't be able to** cook dinner until he gets home from work at 7pm.
4. C – Elias **can/is able to** sing very well.
5. A – Beatriz **is able to** speak five languages.
6. C – Ling **couldn't/wasn't able to** find her dog when it ran away.
7. C - Aisha **could/was able to** run faster than her class mates.
8. A – I **can't** concentrate on work when the TV is on.