Language quiz
Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the sentences. Careful – sometimes both are possible!

Example

*I’ve never *(can/been able to)* swim.

1. He can *(play/plays)* the guitar really well.

2. We *(’re able to/can)* come for dinner. Thanks for inviting us!

3. My daughter *(can’t/couldn’t)* sleep through the night when she was a baby!

4. They *(could/were able to)* ski when they were young because they lived in the mountains.

5. She’s a great tennis player. She *(’s been able to/could)* beat every competitor she’s ever had.

6. *(Were you able to/Could you)* find a present for Gill?

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

Writing
Write down a list of abilities you had or didn’t have in the past and compare them to abilities you have or don’t have now.

Example

- I was once able to ask for directions while on holiday in Japan. The problem was, I wasn’t able to understand the answer! Now I can understand Japanese much better and I would probably be able to understand what someone told me.

Answers to exercise on page 1

1. He can play the guitar really well.
2. We’re able to/can come for dinner. Thanks for inviting us!
3. My daughter couldn’t sleep through the night when she was a baby!
4. They could ski when they were young because they lived in the mountains.
5. She’s a great tennis player. She’s been able to beat every competitor she’s ever had.
6. Were you able to find a present for Gill?