

6B GRAMMAR *can, could, and be able to*

- a Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can* or *be able to*. Sometimes two answers are possible.



- 1 Will I be able to change this for a larger size if it's too small?
- 2 She _____ never find clothes that she likes.
- 3 I _____ do my homework last night. It was too difficult.
- 4 He _____ speak very good French – nobody seems to understand a word he's saying!
- 5 They _____ come to the conference because there weren't any flights.
- 6 _____ you tell me where the nearest supermarket is?
- 7 He used to _____ play tennis quite well, but he's hopeless now.
- 8 She needs to _____ swim if she wants to go sailing.
- 9 I love _____ buy everything I need in the local shops.
- 10 You _____ be tired – it's only 9.00!
- 11 I might _____ leave work early on Friday.
- 12 If I got a pay rise, I _____ afford a new laptop.
- 13 I spent hours looking for my wallet but I _____ find it.
- 14 The shoe shop didn't have her size, but she _____ find a pair online.
- 15 She's _____ ride a horse since she was six years old.

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- b Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Compare with a partner.

I can... really well.

When I was a child I could...

The last time I went clothes shopping I couldn't...

I'd really like to be able to...

In the next five years I might be able to...

I hope I'll be able to...

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 6B

2 can

3 couldn't

4 can't

5 couldn't / weren't able to

6 Can/Could

7 be able to

8 be able to

9 being able to

10 can't

11 be able to

12 'd be able to / could

13 couldn't

14 was able to

15 been able to