

# CAN / COULD BE ABLE TO

**USES**

**DIFFERENCES**

**EXERCISES**

# CAN

**Ability**

**Permission**

She can play the violin.

Can I go out?

Can you help me ?

It can rain tomorrow.

**Request**

**Possibility**



# COULD

**Past  
Ability**

**Polite  
Request**

**I could run very fast when I  
was young.**

**Could you open the door  
please?**



# BE ABLE TO

**We can use be able to to express ability.  
It can be used with all tenses.**

**be able to  
=  
manage to**

**She is able to swim.**

**I was able to read when I  
was 5.**

**They were able to  
complete the exam on  
time.**



# EXERCISES

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ see well without my glasses. (-)
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ talk Italian before moving there.(+)
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ catch the bus. (+)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ help me tomorrow?
5. If you were younger, you \_\_\_\_\_ attend the race. (+)
6. She has never \_\_\_\_\_ speak English fluently. (+)
7. I will take my umbrella with me, it \_\_\_\_\_ rain. (+)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ I have a cup of coffee please?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ you help me with this problem?
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ escape from the burning building. (+)