

CAN, COULD, BE ABLE TO

[Exercise 2]

Complete the sentences with **can**, **could**, or **be able to** and the verb in brackets.

Example:

I _____ the project on time because I felt bad. (*not complete*)

Answer:

I *couldn't complete* the project on time because I felt bad.

1. Samuel _____ high even when he was at school. Now, he is a prominent high jumper. (*jump*)
2. Sorry, but I _____ you tomorrow. (*not help*)
3. Matthew _____ you a lot of different things to explain his actions but one thing is clear — he is a liar. (*tell*)
4. Deborah _____ on time tomorrow if she takes her car from the garage. (*arrive*)
5. Charlie _____ how to do puzzles when he was three years old. (*understand*)
6. Tommy _____ that mountain next year if he trains a lot. (*climb*)
7. Rick _____ all the problems instantly so you don't need to give him many details. (*spot*)
8. Of course, I _____ you yesterday but I didn't want to. (*call*)

9. My little brother _____ the computer better than I but he doesn't know how to read and write. **(use)**
10. I _____ this tree for about five minutes. **(climb)**
11. Jessica _____ these mistakes at the next lesson because she hasn't learned the rules yet. **(not correct)**
12. Shane _____ a bike when he was five. **(ride)**
13. Paul _____ beautiful pictures because his talent for art is great. **(paint)**
14. I _____ you around the town, but let's take my brother with us — he knows much more about all the sights than I do. **(show)**
15. Harvey _____ long words correctly when he was just six years old. **(spell)**

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A N S W E R S

1. could jump.
2. will not be able to help.
3. can tell.
4. will be able to arrive.
5. could understand.
6. will be able to climb.
7. can spot.
8. could call.
9. can use.
10. can climb.
11. will not be able to correct.
12. could ride.
13. can paint.
14. can show.
15. could spell.