

1 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 I'm impressed. You've only been doing yoga for a month and you **can** / **could** do difficult exercises correctly.
- 2 We **managed to** / **could** get home before the storm started.
- 3 I'm worried that I **won't be able to** / **can't** finish this project on Sunday.
- 4 My grandma says she would like to **succeed in** / **be able to** read without her glasses.
- 5 Liz doesn't speak English well but she **managed to** / **could** ask for directions when we were in London.
- 6 By the time Damian was ten, he **could** / **managed to** speak two languages.
- 7 Last year they took a few swimming lessons but they **weren't able to** / **didn't succeed in** improve their technique.
- 8 My dad **could** / **was able to** cook when he was in primary school.
- 9 Bako left his keys at home but **was able to** / **could** get inside through an open window.
- 10 It took me some time but I finally **managed to** / **succeeded in** finding a pair of trainers that look good and are comfortable.

2 Complete the dialogues with the correct form of *can*, *could*, *succeed in*, *manage to* and *be able to*. Sometimes more than one correct answer is possible.

- 1 A How was your trip to Paris?
B It was amazing. We _____ see a few sights but there were so many people everywhere that we _____ get a table in the café which was recommended by my favourite bloggers.
- 2 A _____ you _____ do all the maths exercises?
B Yes, I did. The last one was really difficult. My brother explained it to me and then I _____ do it on my own.
- 3 A Is it true that you _____ read when you were four years old?
B My mum says so but I don't think it's true. She says I _____ point at every sentence that she was reading in my favourite storybook.
- 4 A _____ you _____ in repairing your computer?
B Not really but I _____ find a forum online with lots of useful tips. I didn't have much time yesterday but today I'll start reading and I'm sure I'll _____ fix the problem.

3 Look at the pictures. Write three sentences about the people in each picture using the phrases below. Compare your sentences in groups of three. Are any of your sentences the same?

can could couldn't didn't manage to
didn't succeed in has / have (never) been able to
managed to might be able to
succeeded in will / won't be able to
was (not) / were (not) able to

