



Let's practise using "could" and "were able to"!

i "Could" and "was/were able to" are both used to talk about ability or what was possible in the past. For example: He was able to take the bus yesterday.

Could is also used for polite requests and to ask permission. For example: Could you please close the door? OR Could I open a window?

i Be careful: Use "was able to" for I and he/she/it but use "were able to" for you, we and they.

Questions: Put "was" or "were" or "could" at the beginning of the sentence followed by the person. For example: Were you able to win the prize?

Negations: Form them by using "wasn't/ was not" or "weren't/were not" or "couldn't/could not". For example: I wasn't able to come.

?
_____ **you able to find your dog?**

- Could
- Were
- Was

?
_____ **you please let me know when the course starts?**

- Could
- Were
- Was

?
_____ **he able to learn the poem by heart?**

- Was
- Could
- Were

?
I _____ ask my friend if he can help with your computer problem.

- could
- was
- could

?
They _____ able to complete the renovation of the house.

- weren't
- couldn't
- wasn't



?

Isabel was _____ swim 5km last year.

- don't able
- good in
- able to

?

_____ she able to phone her mum yet?

- Could
- Was
- Were

?

_____ we stay at Lisa's tonight, please?

- Coud
- Were
- Could

?

She _____ come today, she injured her foot.

- couldn't
- wasn't
- culdn't

?

_____ you able to look over the document?

- Have
- Was
- Were

?

We were finally _____ talk to him yesterday.

- able to
- abl to
- able

?

When she was a child, Lydia _____ do many magic tricks.

- can
- culd
- could