

Exercises

26.1 Complete the sentences using *can* or *(be) able to*. If *can* is not possible, use *(be) able to*.

- Gary has travelled a lot. He *can* speak five languages.
- I haven't *been able to* sleep very well recently.
- Nicole drive, but she doesn't have a car.
- I used to stand on my head, but I can't do it any more.
- I can't understand Mark. I've never understand him.
- I can't see you on Friday, but I meet you on Saturday morning.
- Ask Katherine about your problem. She might help you.
- You have to be careful in this part of the city. It be dangerous.
- Michael has lived in Italy a long time, so he should speak Italian.

26.2 Write sentences about yourself using the ideas in brackets.

- (something you used to be able to do)
I used to be able to sing well.
- (something you used to be able to do)
I used
- (something you would like to be able to do)
I'd
- (something you have never been able to do)
I've

26.3 Complete the sentences with *can/can't/could/couldn't* + the following:

believe ~~come~~ hear run sleep wait

- I'm afraid I *can't come* to your party next week.
- When Dan was 16, he 100 metres in 11 seconds.
- 'Are you in a hurry?' 'No, I've got plenty of time. I
- I don't feel good this morning. I last night.
- Can you speak a little louder? I you very well.
- I was amazed when I heard the news. I it.

26.4 Complete the answers to the questions with *was/were able to*

- A: Did everybody escape from the fire?
B: Yes. The fire spread quickly, but everybody *was able to escape*.
- A: Did you finish your work this afternoon?
B: Yes, there was nobody to disturb me, so I
- A: Did you solve the problem?
B: Yes, we did. It wasn't easy, but we
- A: Did the thief get away?
B: Yes. No-one realised what was happening and the thief

26.5 Complete the sentences using *could, couldn't* or *managed to*.

- My grandfather travelled a lot. He *could* speak five languages.
- I looked everywhere for the book, but I *couldn't* find it.
- They didn't want to come with us at first, but we *managed to* persuade them.
- Jessica had hurt her foot and walk very well.
- There was a small fire in the kitchen, but fortunately I put it out.
- The walls were thin and I hear people talking in the next room.
- I ran my first marathon recently. It was very hard, but I finish.
- My grandmother loved music. She play the piano very well.
- We wanted to go to the concert, but we get tickets.
- A girl fell into the river, but some people pull her out. She's all right now.