

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can*, *could* or *will be able to*.

- I hope I will be able to say a few words in Italian after my holiday there next month.
- Don't worry, I can post a message on the website to say football practice is cancelled.
- That boy is a genius: he could talk fluently at the age of eight months.
- Sorry, I can't help you, I don't speak Russian.
- I couldn't answer the phone last night because I was having dinner with my grandparents.
- My parents don't speak Arabic so they won't be able to understand anything anyone says when they go to Jordan.

2 Match the beginnings (1–6) with the endings (a–e) to make sentences.

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| 1 James has lived in Turkey | a |
| 2 I've studied sign language | c |
| 3 She's been in the shop | d |
| 4 They've known their teacher | b |
| 5 He's had his translation business | e |
- a since his parents moved here for work.
 b since they started school.
 c since I watched a TV programme about deaf people.
 d for two hours, but she hasn't bought anything.
 e for a year, but he hasn't designed his website yet.

3 Circle the correct options.

- I've smiled / ~~I smiled~~ at him yesterday, but he didn't speak to me.
- She's told / ~~She told~~ lots of stories about her trip to Latin America since she came back.
- I've never been scared of spiders but when I saw one in the bath today I've screamed / ~~I screamed~~.
- I hope you could / can help me with my homework.
- When will you be able to / could you first understand English songs? Do you remember?

4 Put the words in the correct order to make questions. Then in pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- have you known / How / long / your best friend / ?
How long have you known your best friend?

- fluently / will you / be able to / When / speak English / ?
When will you be able to speak English fluently?
- have you / been / long / How / in this school / ?
How long have you been in this school?
- swim / before / five / Could you / you were / ?
Could you swim before you were five?
- and wave / clap hands / Can you / at the same time / ?
Can you clap hands and wave at the same time?
- had / have you / your phone / How long / ?
How long have you had your phone?

5 Complete the text with the correct form of *can*, the present perfect or the past simple of the verbs in the box.



can communicate can speak can talk
 can understand know move rain study

We ¹ moved to England a month ago from our home in Mexico. The weather is very different: for example, it ² has rained for the last two weeks! I ³ have studied English since I was little and I thought I was quite good but now I realise I ⁴ can't speak it very well. I hope I ⁵ will be able to understand my classmates when I start school next week. I'm sure it will be fine: we ⁶ have known our new neighbours for a week and they are friendly and we ⁷ could communicate from the first day! We always discuss the weather: I've learned that you ⁸ can always talk about that with English people!