



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 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.

i
_____ you please ring Claudia?

- Were you able to
- Could

i
Sheila is very busy at work, but she _____ able to visit me last week.

- was
- were
- could

i
They _____ able to understand her despite not speaking the same language.

- were
- is
- was

i
I _____ ride a bike when I was three.

- could
- can

i
Sorry, but we _____ able to come to your meeting yesterday.

- were
- weren't
- wasn't





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_____ they able to climb to the top of the mountain?

- Was
- Were
- Could

?

_____ you please let June know that I will be late?

- Was
- Could
- Were

?

I _____ believe my eyes when I saw it! Really amazing!

- could
- couldn't
- coudn't

?

They were _____ talk about everything without being interrupted.

- abl to
- able to
- don't able

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_____ I join you, please?

- Have
- Were
- Could

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Unfortunately, I _____ able to attend class yesterday.

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

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I _____ ask Lisa for help with this task.

- could
- coud