Could / Was and Were Able To

Couldn't: no podía o no lo consiguió

Couldn't es la forma corta de could not. Puede decir que alguien no sabía hacer algo o que no lo consiguió una vez. No cambia con la persona. Después va el verbo sin to ni -s. Aquí usamos la forma corta.

Ejemplo resuelto

Mia tried to open the door, but failed. Mia ____ open the door. → Mia couldn't open the door.
Mia intentó abrir la puerta, pero no lo consiguió. No pudo abrirla.

Completa todos los huecos con couldn't.

01. Yesterday, the door was stuck and Mia failed to open it.
Mia _____ open the stuck door yesterday.

02. Leo tried the new password yesterday, but it did not work.
Leo _____ log in with the new password yesterday.

03. I tried to reach the blue box last night, but it was too high.
I _____ reach the blue box last night.

04. We tried to start the car yesterday, but the battery was flat.
We _____ start the car yesterday.

05. You tried to print the photo on Friday, but the printer failed.
You _____ print the photo on Friday.

06. Emma tried to lift the chest, but it was too heavy yesterday.
Emma _____ lift the chest yesterday.

07. The children had not learned to swim by the end of that year.
They _____ swim at the end of that year.

08. Ben tried to fix the lock yesterday, but failed.
Ben _____ fix the lock yesterday.

09. I had not learned to read a clock at four.
I _____ tell the time at four.

10. Ava tried to send the message last night, but had no signal.
Ava _____ send the message last night.

11. We tried to find a room yesterday, but every room was booked.
We _____ find a free room yesterday.

12. Noah had not learned to ride a bike by that summer.
Noah _____ ride a bike that summer.

13. You tried to pull the drawer open last night, but it was stuck.
You _____ open the drawer last night.

14. Grace tried to type the code yesterday, but the keys failed.
Grace _____ type the code yesterday.

15. They had no map and failed to find the campsite last night.
They _____ find the campsite last night.

16. Daniel tried to take a photo on Monday, but the camera failed.
Daniel _____ take a photo on Monday.

17. I did not know how to sew as a child.
I _____ sew as a child.

18. Ella tried to call the office yesterday, but the line was dead.
Ella _____ call the office yesterday.

19. We tried to fit the desk through the doorway, but it was too big.
We _____ get the desk through the doorway yesterday.

20. Tom tried to download the file last night, but had no internet.
Tom _____ download the file last night.

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21. You did not know how to read music at six.
You _____ read music at six.

22. Lily tried to cut the ribbon yesterday, but had no scissors.
Lily _____ cut the ribbon yesterday.

23. They tried to book a table on Friday, but none were available.
They _____ book a table on Friday.

24. Oliver tried to light the lamp, but the bulb was broken.
Oliver _____ light the lamp yesterday.

25. I tried to carry the boxes upstairs, but they were too heavy.
I _____ carry the boxes upstairs yesterday.

26. Ruby tried to pay by card last night, but the reader failed.
Ruby _____ pay by card last night.

27. We did not know how to use this software last year.
We _____ use this software last year.

28. Henry tried to find a spare key yesterday, but found none.
Henry _____ find a spare key yesterday.

29. You tried to stick the label on, but the glue had dried.
You _____ attach the label yesterday.

30. Sam had not learned to tie knots at seven.
Sam _____ tie knots at seven.

31. The guests tried to enter on Monday, but the hall was locked.
They _____ enter the hall on Monday.

32. Lucy tried to reach the station in time, but missed the train.
Lucy _____ catch that train yesterday.

33. I did not know how to skate during that winter.
I _____ skate that winter.

34. Alex tried to join the online lesson, but his link failed.
Alex _____ join the online lesson yesterday.

35. We tried to fold the thick card, but it tore each time.
We _____ fold the thick card neatly yesterday.

36. Sofia tried to finish the poster, but ran out of paint.
Sofia _____ finish the poster yesterday.

37. You tried to copy the document, but the scanner failed.
You _____ copy the document yesterday.

38. Jack tried to move the cabinet alone, but it was too heavy.
Jack _____ move the cabinet alone yesterday.

39. They did not know how to set up a tent at ten.
They _____ set up a tent at ten.

40. Anna tried to open the jar yesterday, but failed.
Anna _____ open the jar yesterday.

Soluciones

Frases completas. La respuesta del hueco aparece en negrita.

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04. We **couldn't** start the car yesterday.
05. You **couldn't** print the photo on Friday.
06. Emma **couldn't** lift the chest yesterday.
07. They **couldn't** swim at the end of that year.
08. Ben **couldn't** fix the lock yesterday.
09. I **couldn't** tell the time at four.
10. Ava **couldn't** send the message last night.
11. We **couldn't** find a free room yesterday.
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