Could / Was and Were Able To

Repaso: capacidades, logros y fracasos

Para habilidades generales, could es habitual. Para logros concretos, was o were able to. Con sentidos, remember y understand también puede ir could en una ocasión concreta. Couldn't o was/were not able to dicen que no se pudo hacer algo.

Ejemplo resuelto
Mia knew how to swim as a child. Mia ____ swim at six. → Mia could swim at six.
Mia sabía nadar de pequeña. Sabía nadar a los seis años.

Completa con una expresión de capacidad pasada. Hay alternativas válidas.

01. Lucy found a spare brush and finished painting the door.
Lucy _____ finish painting the door yesterday.

02. We borrowed a spare microphone and finished the recording.
We _____ finish the recording yesterday.

03. You knew how to make bird boxes as a teenager.
You _____ make bird boxes as a teenager.

04. Henry remembered the title during yesterday's conversation.
Henry _____ remember the title yesterday.

05. We knew how to paint signs at school.
We _____ paint signs at school.

06. Emma used a new battery and started the recorder yesterday.
Emma _____ start the recorder yesterday.

07. Oliver knew how to make simple animations at fourteen.
Oliver _____ make simple animations at fourteen.

08. Ella tried to check the timetable, but the website was down.
Ella _____ check the timetable yesterday.

09. I knew how to repair toys as a child.
I _____ repair toys as a child.

10. Jack used a spare case and packed all the instruments.
Jack _____ pack all the instruments yesterday.

11. Ben heard the quiet announcement clearly yesterday.
Ben _____ hear the quiet announcement yesterday.

12. The guide spoke clearly and we understood every sentence.
We _____ understand every sentence yesterday.

13. Sofia heard the church clock during yesterday's walk.
Sofia _____ hear the church clock yesterday.

14. You tried a different cable and transferred the photos.
You _____ transfer the photos yesterday.

15. Sam found his card and collected the parcel yesterday.
Sam _____ collect the parcel yesterday.

16. Noah felt the warm sand beneath his feet yesterday.
Noah _____ feel the warm sand yesterday.

17. Mia knew how to do simple magic tricks as a child.
Mia _____ do simple magic tricks at nine.

18. We tried to fill the tank, but the tap did not work.
We _____ fill the tank yesterday.

19. I found the right tool and fitted the shelf yesterday.
I _____ fit the shelf yesterday.

20. You knew how to make basic charts as a teenager.
You _____ make basic charts as a teenager.

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21. The pupils saw the whole stage clearly during last night's show.
They _____ see the whole stage last night.

22. Ava knew how to solve easy number puzzles at eight.
Ava _____ solve easy number puzzles at eight.

23. Lily found the missing page and completed the booklet.
Lily _____ complete the booklet yesterday.

24. Ruby tried to join the call, but the connection failed.
Ruby _____ join the call yesterday.

25. Anna tried to use the office phone, but the line failed.
Anna _____ use the office phone yesterday.

26. Alex tried to dry the poster, but the ink stayed wet.
Alex _____ dry the poster yesterday.

27. The tower was clearly visible from your hotel room yesterday.
You _____ see the tower from your room yesterday.

28. You knew how to make kites at school.
You _____ make kites at school.

29. Leo found his backup notes and completed his talk yesterday.
Leo _____ complete his talk yesterday.

30. I tried to assemble the stand, but two pieces were missing.
I _____ assemble the stand yesterday.

31. The helpers tried to clear the room, but ran out of time.
They _____ clear the room before closing yesterday.

32. They tried to open the hall, but had the wrong key.
They _____ open the hall yesterday.

33. Daniel tried to lock the case, but the lock was damaged.
Daniel _____ lock the case yesterday.

34. You knew how to make puppet costumes at twelve.
You _____ make puppet costumes at twelve.

35. Tom tasted the orange in the dessert yesterday.
Tom _____ taste the orange in the dessert yesterday.

36. Grace found a new route and got to the theater yesterday.
Grace _____ get to the theater yesterday.

37. The children knew how to make paper flowers at ten.
They _____ make paper flowers at ten.

38. I smelled the fresh bread as I entered the kitchen yesterday.
I _____ smell the fresh bread yesterday.

39. The bright moon was visible from our window last night.
We _____ see the bright moon last night.

40. I tried to write the address, but had no working pen.
I _____ write the address yesterday.

Soluciones

Frases completas. La respuesta del hueco aparece en negrita.
General y sentidos: could o was/were able to. Fracaso: couldn't, could not o was/were not able to, también contraídas. Logro: was/were able to.

01. Lucy **was able to** finish painting the door yesterday.
02. We **were able to** finish the recording yesterday.
03. You **could** make bird boxes as a teenager.
04. Henry **could** remember the title yesterday.
05. We **could** paint signs at school.
06. Emma **was able to** start the recorder yesterday.
07. Oliver **could** make simple animations at fourteen.
08. Ella **couldn't** check the timetable yesterday.
09. I **could** repair toys as a child.
10. Jack **was able to** pack all the instruments yesterday.
11. Ben **could** hear the quiet announcement yesterday.
12. We **could** understand every sentence yesterday.
13. Sofia **could** hear the church clock yesterday.
14. You **were able to** transfer the photos yesterday.
15. Sam **was able to** collect the parcel yesterday.
16. Noah **could** feel the warm sand yesterday.
17. Mia **could** do simple magic tricks at nine.
18. We **couldn't** fill the tank yesterday.
19. I **was able to** fit the shelf yesterday.
20. You **could** make basic charts as a teenager.
21. They **could** see the whole stage last night.
22. Ava **could** solve easy number puzzles at eight.
23. Lily **was able to** complete the booklet yesterday.
24. Ruby **couldn't** join the call yesterday.
25. Anna **couldn't** use the office phone yesterday.
26. Alex **couldn't** dry the poster yesterday.
27. You **could** see the tower from your room yesterday.
28. You **could** make kites at school.
29. Leo **was able to** complete his talk yesterday.
30. I **couldn't** assemble the stand yesterday.
31. They **couldn't** clear the room before closing yesterday.
32. They **couldn't** open the hall yesterday.
33. Daniel **couldn't** lock the case yesterday.
34. You **could** make puppet costumes at twelve.
35. Tom **could** taste the orange in the dessert yesterday.
36. Grace **was able to** get to the theater yesterday.
37. They **could** make paper flowers at ten.
38. I **could** smell the fresh bread yesterday.
39. We **could** see the bright moon last night.
40. I **couldn't** write the address yesterday.