

# Test • Unit 19

## Ability

### Amazing Science

#### Part I

##### 1. Ability with *Can* and *Could*

**A** Write *C* (correct) or *I* (incorrect) for each sentence.

- /   1. After the operation, the patient could sees for the first time.
2. Service dogs can help people with disabilities.
3. John can lift 100 pounds before he hurt his arm.
4. Cheetahs can run 70 miles per hour.
5. Can you think of the answer?
6. We tried to open the door, but we couldnt.
7. A: Can you solve the problem?      B: No, I can not.

**B** Circle the correct word or phrase.

1. I can't / couldn't speak English before I came to the United States.
2. Is Mr. Matthews the only person that can / can to sign this form?
3. How they could / could they find the solution so easily?
4. Robots can helps / help repair rockets in space.
5. Today computers can / could recognize and produce speech.

**C** Complete the conversations. Use *can*, *can't*, *could*, or *couldn't* and a verb from the box.

afford	buy	speak	tell	understand	watch
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**Example:** I can't buy that dress. My best friend has one exactly like it.

A: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ French? I've just received an e-mail from a customer  
(1) (1)  
in Paris.

B: Yes, but I \_\_\_\_\_ or write French very well.  
(2)

A: That's OK. Just see if you \_\_\_\_\_ me the main ideas. That's all I need. . . .  
(3)

A: I had to stop my Golden Series television service and choose a cheaper one.

B: Do you miss it?

A: Oh yes, with the Golden Series, I \_\_\_\_\_ new movies any time I wanted to.  
(4)

B: That sounds great!

A: Yes, it was, but I just \_\_\_\_\_ it after my rent increased. It's too much money.  
(5)

## 2. Be Able To

**A** Write C (correct) or I (incorrect) for each sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Sonia is able stand on her head.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. When were we able to send a rocket to the moon?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Scientists would like be able to find a cure for the common cold.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. We aren't going to be able to finish the project on time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Will we able to stay young forever?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. After he broke his leg, Sam couldn't climb Mt. Everest.

**B** Reorder the words to write a complete sentence.

- 1. he / able / capture / will / the criminal / be / to  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 2. wasn't / solve / the detective / to / the mystery / able  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. be / won't / to / we / help / you / able  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. money / be / to / able / how much / save / you / will  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 5. need / contact / to / be / you / I / able / to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**C** Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use the correct form of *be able to*.

- 1. The doctor can't see you until next week.  
The doctor isn't able to see you until next week.
- 2. No one can attend today's meeting.  
No one \_\_\_\_\_ attend today's meeting.
- 3. The robot at the technology exhibition could follow voice commands.  
The robot at the technology exhibition \_\_\_\_\_ follow voice commands.
- 4. Before the invention of the rocket, humans couldn't fly into outer space.  
Before the invention of the rocket, humans \_\_\_\_\_ fly into outer space.
- 5. I can't give you an answer without more information.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ give you an answer without more information.

## Part II

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**A** Complete the sentences. Use the verb in parentheses and the correct form of *be able to*.

1. Without my glasses, I am not able to see (see) clearly.
2. I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Scandinavia one day.
3. By using Braille, the visually challenged \_\_\_\_\_ (read).
4. Before the invention of the telephone, people \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to each other when separated by long distances.
5. Before scuba diving existed, people \_\_\_\_\_ (breathe) under water.
6. Someday it may be possible to take an elevator to the moon. If this happens, people \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the moon without using a spacecraft.

**B** Circle the correct answer.

1. By using a GPS navigator, I \_\_\_\_\_ get directions without using a map.
  - a. can
  - b. am able to
  - c. Both *a* and *b* are possible.
2. A: Can you use this computer program?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Yes, I can.
  - b. Yes, I am able to.
  - c. Both *a* and *b* are possible.
3. The scientist spent years looking for a cure for the disease, and at last she \_\_\_\_\_ find one.
  - a. could
  - b. was able to
  - c. Both *a* and *b* are possible.
4. Someday robots \_\_\_\_\_ think creatively.
  - a. can
  - b. will be able to
  - c. Both *a* and *b* are possible.
5. Wi-Fi is becoming more common because people \_\_\_\_\_ use the Internet wherever they are.
  - a. need to be able to
  - b. want to be able to
  - c. Both *a* and *b* are possible.
6. People use text messaging so that they \_\_\_\_\_ send messages to their friends cheaply and quickly.
  - a. can
  - b. could
  - c. Both *a* and *b* are possible.

