

# Test • Unit 21

## Ability and Possibility

### Making Connections

#### Part I

#### 1. Can and Could for Ability and Possibility

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

- C 1. Can you e-mail me the pictures of the party?      \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Melissa cans find information on the Internet very quickly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Danny can't uses his cell phone inside the house.      \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I know his face, but I cannot remember his name.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Could you understand the lecture?      \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Where can I get a new battery for my laptop?

**B** Circle the correct answer.

- A: I'm sorry I'm late. I can't / couldn't call you. I forgot my cell phone.      B: How was your shopping trip?  
(1)
- A: Not so great. I couldn't / can't find half the things on my list.      B: Can / Can you look on the Internet?  
(2)      (3)
- A: I can't / couldn't use my laptop now. Can I use yours?      B: Of course you could / can.  
(4)      (5)

#### 2. Be Able To and Know How To for Ability

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Indhira knows how write a good blog.      \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I don't know how to prepare for my interview.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. We weren't able find the answer to your question.      \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Was Frank and Jeanne able to drive you to the station?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Do you know how to use social networking websites?

**B** Complete the sentences. Use the correct phrase from the box.

'm able to	isn't able to	knows how to
doesn't know how to	<del>know how to</del>	weren't able to

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ *know how to* \_\_\_\_\_ use that program. Let me show you.
2. Alain certainly \_\_\_\_\_ give a good party. This is such a great evening!
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ talk with Max yesterday. We left him a voice mail.
4. Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ help you with your project right now. He's in a meeting.
5. Aysel \_\_\_\_\_ use the new copier. Can you please show him?
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ run a mile in 6 minutes.

## Part II

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**A** Complete the *Yes / No* questions for each answer. Use the words in parentheses and the correct form of *can, could, know how to, or be able to*.

- A: Can you come (you / come) to the theater this evening?  
B: I'm sorry, I can't. I have to work.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maxim / play) chess?  
B: No, he doesn't. Can you show him?
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (Ming / play) chess this evening?  
B: No, she can't. She is very busy.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / use) this program?  
B: No, I'm not. My computer is very slow.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (your mother / send) text messages?  
B: Yes, she does. She sends me a message every day.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) the movie from your seat?  
B: No, I couldn't. There was a tall person in front of me.

**B** Complete the sentences. They should have the same meaning as the bold sentences. Use *can, can't, could, or couldn't* with the words in parentheses.

- I am able to see you any time after 3:00.  
I can see (see) you any time after 3:00.
- Michael didn't know how to fix his flat tire.  
Michael \_\_\_\_\_ (fix) his flat tire.
- Hitomi and Greta aren't able to join the tennis club.  
Hitomi and Greta \_\_\_\_\_ (join) the tennis club.
- Do you know how to ride a horse?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (you / ride) a horse?
- He was able to hear every word from the next room.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) every word from the next room.
- Are you able to make this picture bigger on your PC?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (you / make) this picture bigger on your PC?