**be able to** (können, in der Lage sein)

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2. ………………Dave ……………………to get to school before 9 o’clock **yesterday**?  - Yes, and he ……………………to talk to Mr Hill before lessons.
3. ………………you ……………………to win the match against Kingsway High **last Saturday**?  - No, we didn’t play well and so we ……………………to beat them.
4. **Dialogue after a test**: ………………you ……………………to finish the German test?  - No, and I ……………………to read through it again.
5. ………………your friends ……………………to get any new stamps at the stamp club **yesterday**?  - Yes, and I think they ……………………to get some more **next week**.
6. Hello, Liz. ………………Sandra ……………………to go to the photo club **yesterday**?  - No, and she ……………………to go next week. She’s very ill, I think.

**be allowed to** (dürfen)

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I think younger brothers and sisters are lucky. They ……………………often ……………………to do things that an older brother or sister ……………………to do. Sometimes I have a terrible dream: **in a year or two** Kevin and Tina ……………………to do things that I ……………………not ……………………to do **now**.
**be able to** (können, in der Lage sein)

1. Sally, were you able to buy a new school bag yesterday?
   - No, and I won't be able to buy one **tomorrow**.
2. Was Dave able to get to school before 9 o’clock yesterday?
   - Yes, and he was able to talk to Mr Hill before lessons.
3. Were you able to win the match against Kingsway High **last Saturday**?
   - No, we didn’t play well and so we weren't able to beat them.
4. *Dialogue after a test:* Were you able to finish the German test?
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   - Yes, and I think they will be able to get some more **next week**.
6. Hello, Liz. Was Sandra able to go to the photo club **yesterday**?
   - No, and she won’t be able to go next week. She’s very ill, I think.

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