

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

Complete the dialogues with the correct form of "be able to" and practise with a partner.	was/wasn't able to were/weren't able to	} Past Tense
	will/won't be able to	

1. Sally, .....you .....to buy a new school bag yesterday? - No, and I .....be .....to buy one **tomorrow**.
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.

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was/were (not) allowed to ... (Past)  
will/won't be allowed to ... (Future)

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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? - No, and I wasn't able to read through it again.
5. Were your friends able to get any new stamps at the stamp club yesterday? - 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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