

able

1. 1) **способный, обладающий способностью**
 to be able to ... - мочь ..., быть в состоянии /в силах/ ...
 the baby is able to walk already - ребёнок уже научился ходить
 as I had money I was able to help her - у меня были деньги, и я имел возможность ей помочь
 shall /will/ you be able to come? - вы сможете прийти?
 you are better able to do it than I am - у вас это лучше получится, чем у меня
 able to pay - платёжеспособный
 as one is able - по мере сил
- 2) **крепкий, здоровый; годный**
 he is old but still quite able - он стар, по ещё крепок
 able to perform military service - годный к военной службе
2. 1) **способный, талантливый**
 able actor - способный актёр
 able speech - талантливая речь
 he is the most able /the ablest/ man I know - он самый способный /умный/ человек из всех, кого я знаю
- 2) **компетентный квалифицированный умелый**
 able lawyer - знающий адвокат
 able direction - компетентное руководство
3. **юр. компетентный правоспособный**
 able in mind - (находящийся) в здравом рассудке
4. **мор. обладающий хорошими мореходными качествами**
 ◇ able seaman = able-bodied seaman [*см.* able-bodied]
 able rating - **мор.** матрос (*в ВМС*)

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able [**able abler ablest**] *BrE* ['eɪbəl] ^u *NAmE* ['eɪbəl] ^u **adjective****1. ~ to do sth** (used as a modal verb) to have the skill, intelligence, opportunity, etc. needed to do sth

- You must be able to speak French for this job.
- A viral illness left her barely able to walk.
- I didn't feel able to disagree with him.
- Will you be able to come?

Opp: †unable**2. (abler** *BrE* ['eɪblə(r)] ^u ; *NAmE* ['eɪblə] ^u , **ablest** *BrE* ['eɪblɪst] ^u ; *NAmE* ['eɪblɪst] ^u) intelligent; good at sth

- the ablest student in the class
- We aim to help the less able in society to lead an independent life.

see also †ablyWord Origin:late Middle English (also in the sense 'easy to use, suitable'): from Old French **hable**, from Latin **habilis** 'handy', from **habere** 'to hold'.Word Family:**able** adjective (≠unable)**ably** adverb**ability** noun (≠inability)**disabled** adjective**disability** nounGrammar Point:**can / could / be able to / manage**

Can is used to say that somebody knows how to do something: ▪ Can you play the piano? It is also used with verbs of seeing, noticing, etc.: ▪ I can hear someone calling , and with passive infinitives: ▪ The DVD can be rented from your local store.

Can or be able to are used to say that something is possible or that somebody has the opportunity to do something: ▪ Can you/are you able to come on Saturday?

You use be able to to form the future and perfect tenses and the infinitive: ▪ You'll be able to get a taxi outside the station. ◇▪ I haven't been able to get much work done today. ◇▪ She'd love to be able to play the piano.

Could is used to talk about what someone was generally able to do in the past: ▪ Our daughter could walk when she was nine months old.

You use was/were able to or manage (but not could) when you are saying that something was possible on a particular occasion in the past: ▪ I was able to/managed to find some useful books in the library. ◇I could find some useful books in the library. In negative sentences, **could not** can also be used: ▪ We weren't able to/didn't manage to/couldn't get there in time. **Could** is also used with this meaning with verbs of seeing, noticing, understanding, etc.: ▪ I could see there was something wrong.

Could have is used when you are saying that it was possible for somebody to do something in the past but they did not try: ▪ I could have won the game but decided to let her win.

Example Bank:

- Humans are uniquely able to use true language.
- I was just able to make out a dark figure in the distance.
- Once you've had some sleep you'll feel better able to cope.
- She is not physically able to take care of herself.
- She seems very able.
- less able students
- He was a very able man in business matters.
- I didn't feel able to disagree with him.
- She's the ablest student in the class.
- Unfortunately they weren't able to come.

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able **S1 W1** /'eɪbəl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*

[**Word Family**: noun: ↑ability ≠ ↑inability, ↑disability; adjective: ↑able ≠ ↑unable, ↑disabled; verb: ↑enable ≠ ↑disable; adverb: ↑ably]
 [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin habilis 'skillful', from habere 'to have']

1. be able to do something

a) to have the skill, strength, knowledge etc needed to do something:

" I've always wanted to be able to speak Japanese.

b) to be in a situation in which it is possible for you to do something:

" I'd like to do more gardening, but I never seem able to find the time.

" I haven't been able to read that report yet.

2. clever or good at doing something:

" one of my more able students

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