

Series 1 – No.1 Able

Worksheet

Part 1 Today's word

able /'eɪ.bl/

Part 2 Examples

- 1 Will she be able to cope with the work?
- 2 He's never been able to admit to his mistakes.
- 3 I'm sorry that I wasn't able to phone you yesterday.
- 4 It's so wonderful being able to see the sea from my window.

Part 3 Practice

A Slowly, with six stresses, use rising tones on 'SORry' 'Able' and 'YOU' and a falling tone on 'YESterday':

// i'm SORry // that i WASn't Able // to PHONE YOU // YESterday //

B A bit faster, with four stresses, a rising tone on 'Able' and falling tone on 'YESterday':

// i'm SORry that i wasn't Able // to PHONE you YESterday //

C Faster again, with two stresses, at different speeds. Make the words in capital letters loud and clear, and all the other words soft. Start a falling tone start on 'PHONE' and continue over 'you yesterday'.

C1 // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to PHONE you yesterday // 120

C2 // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to PHONE you yesterday // 200

C3 // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to PHONE you yesterday // 300

D Look at the table below. Add two sentences of your own in rows 4 and 5. In pairs, say the sentences to each other. As you listen to your partner, make sure that 'i wasn't able to' is soft and unclear, and that 'sorry' and 'phone/see/cook' are loud and clear.

1	i'm	SO	rry that i wasn't able to	PHONE	you yesterday
2	i'm	SO	rry that i wasn't able to	MEET	you yesterday
3	i'm	SO	rry that i wasn't able to	COOK	for you yesterday
4					
5					

> **HINT:** be with/talk to/help/

Part 4 Pairwork

1 Now we will add a reply to these sentences. In pairs, take turns saying A and B's parts.

A // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to PHONE you yesterday //

B // NO PROBLEM // you DID TELL me // you MIGHT not be able to PHONE //

2 Now make similar replies to the other sentences in the table, and practice them in pairs:

A // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to MEET you yesterday //

B // NO PROBLEM // you DID TELL me // you MIGHT not be able to MEET //

A // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to COOK for you yesterday //

B // NO PROBLEM // you DID TELL me // you MIGHT not be able to COOK for me //

A // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to ..... //

B // NO PROBLEM // you DID TELL me // you MIGHT not be able to ..... //

A // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to ..... //

B // NO PROBLEM // you DID TELL me // you MIGHT not be able to ..... //