

## 助動詞基礎A－3

☆ “be able to ～” ②

☐ I could not speak French .

I was not able to speak French .

☐ Can they help my brother ?

Are they able to help my brother ?

- ※ もちろん “can not ～” は “be not able to ～” で、疑問文も仕組みは同じである。
- ※ しかし助動詞 “can” の否定文は「気持的にできない」で、“able” は「能力的に出来ない」という意味になる。だから “could not” は「やろうと思ったけど・・・」という意味になる。
- ※ 疑問文も、“can” は気持ちを問い、一方の “able” は能力を問う文になる。
- ※ これから出てくる『助動詞』はすべて「気持ちを表す表現」であることに留意すること。

1, 次の英文を、意味の違いを気にせずに “be able to ～” の表現を使って書き換えなさい。

① I can't read five books in a week .

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② They could not swim very fast two years ago .

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③ Could you drink hot milk in your childhood ?

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④ Can she read these books easily ?

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⑤ He cannot write a letter to his mother .

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2, 次の日本語に合う英文を ( ) 内の単語を参考にして “be able to ~” に書き換えなさい。

①私たちは昨晚東京に到着することができませんでした。 ( arrive at )

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②彼の父は若い時に多くの魚を捕まえることができましたか。 ( in his time , get )

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③彼の弟は七歳の時に自転車に乗れませんでした。 ( at the age of , ride )

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④彼女の祖母は上手に縫い物をすることができますか。 ( sew , well )

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⑤私たちはすべての人々を助けることはできません。 ( all the people )

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⑥彼女たちはこれらの問題を解決することができませんでした。 ( problem , solve )

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⑦彼らはその試合に勝つことができましたか。 ( win , game )

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1 ① I'm not able to read five books in a week .

② They were not able to swim very fast two years ago .

③ Were you able to drink hot milk in your childhood ?

④ Is she able to read these books easily ?

⑤ He isn't able to write a letter to his mother .

2 ① We were not able to arrive at Tokyo last night .

② Was his father able to get many fish in his time ?

③ His brother wasn't able to ride a bike at the age of seven .

④ Is her grandmother able to sew very well ?

⑤ We are not able to help all the people .

⑥ They were not able to solve these problems .

⑦ Were they able to win the game ?