

Inglese	TO BE ABLE TO (potere)	Data Foglio 1 di 1
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TO BE ABLE TO (potere, essere capace, essere in grado)

Si usa:

- Come forma alternativa di Can al simple present ed al simple past
- Per rendere in inglese i tempi mancanti di Can

Elenco dei modi e tempi mancanti di Can		
Tempi e modi	Can	To be able to
Simple present	I can swim	I am able to swim
Present perfect simple		I am been able to swim
Simple past	I could swim	I was able to swim
Past perfect simple		I had been able to swim
Futuro simple		I will be able to swim
Future perfect simple		I will have been able to swim
Conditional	I could swim	I would be able to swim
Infinitive		To be able to swim
Gerund		Being able to swim
Participle		Being able to swim

Differenza tra I could e I was able to

I was able to si usa quando si vuole sottolineare che il soggetto è riuscito a cavarsela in una azione passata particolare nel senso di : nonostante tutto

The secretary wasn't in the office when I arrived but I was able to contact her at home

It was really a difficult examination but I was able to answer all the questions.

Oppure si vuole sottolineare l'impossibilità di compiere un'azione sia al presente che al passato

The airplane wasn't able / was unable to fly because of the terrible weather.