Can, Could and To Be Able To Exercise

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<td>- could - had the ability to</td>
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<td>- She could play the violin when she was three</td>
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<td>- We were able to escape the fire</td>
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Circle the correct answer. Fill the gaps when you’ve checked your answers.

1 I ....................... remember his name.
   A am not able to
   B can’t
   C red herring

2 Diana .................... the piano.
   A can play
   B can to play
   C eats

3 She ....................... come on holiday next month if her parents give her permission.
   A can’t
   B could
   C will be able to

4 They ....................... go. The weather was too bad.
   A couldn’t
   B can’t
   C wasn’t able to

5 A: Can you lend me some money?
   B: Sorry. I ....................... . I haven’t got any either.
   A can’t
   B am not able to
   C couldn’t

6 You’ll be able to solve this, .......................?
   A can you
   B won’t you
   C will you

7 Sorry, Teacher. I ....................... do it yet.
   A wasn’t able to
   B couldn’t
   C haven’t been able to

8 He ....................... pass the exam if he studied harder.
   A will be able to
   B can
   C would be able to

9 The fishing boat sank but luckily all the crew ....................... save themselves.
   A were able to
   B could
   C wasn’t able to

10 We ....................... go to the party. We’re going to a wedding that day.
   A couldn’t
   B won’t be able to
   C will can’t
Answers
1B  2A  3C  4A  5A  6B  7C  8C  9A  10B