**Solutions Grammar 4.1: Ability – tenses of can / be able to**

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| **Present Simple**   * He can / can’t (= ability, future arrangements) * He is able to (= ability)   *Ned: Hij kan, hij is in staat* | **Past Simple**   * He could (= general ability) * He couldn’t (= general ability, one occasion) * He could / couldn’t + see/hear/feel/smell/taste (= one occasion) * He was able to (= general, one occasion) * He managed to (= one occasion) * He succeeded in …ing (= one occasion)   *Ned: Hij kon, hij was in staat* |
| **Present Perfect**  He has been able to  *Ned: hij heeft gekund* | **Past Perfect**  He had been able to  *Ned: hij had gekund* |
| **Future**  He will be able to  *Ned: hij zal kunnen* | **Past Future**  He would be able to  *Ned: hij zou kunnen* |
| **Conditional**  He will have been able to  *Ned: hij zal hebben gekund* | **Conditional**  He would have been able to  *Ned: hij zou hebben gekund* |