

Was Able To

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High Intermediate English - Sound Grammar

B2 Lesson 3 Conversation 3



Part 1: Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

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a	Birthday party	a	Saturday	a	The band
b	Wedding party	b	Sunday	b	The babysitter

Part 2: Complete the blanks with the words in the column to the right.

Man: I am _____ to attend your _____.	1	able / I / wasn't / sorry
Woman: Yeah, what happened? _____.	2	Saturday / party / on / birthday
Man: Well, _____, and I wasn't able _____.	3	expecting / were / you / We
Woman: Oh, _____. Maybe next time.	4	babysitter / my / canceled
Man: Well, I _____. I'm sorry _____.	5	a / to / replacement / find
Woman: No worries. _____ couldn't _____.	6	that's / bad / too
Man: Oh, good. I am _____ the only one.	7	wanted / go / really / to
	8	it / make / couldn't / I
	9	people / other / Some
	10	also / it / make
	11	not / was / glad / I

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Answer Key

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Man: I am sorry I wasn't able to attend your birthday party on Saturday .	1	able / I / wasn't / sorry
Woman: Yeah, what happened? We were expecting you .	2	Saturday / party / on / birthday
Man: Well, my babysitter canceled , and I wasn't able to find a replacement.	3	expecting / were / you / We
Woman: Oh, that's too bad . Maybe next time.	4	babysitter / my / canceled
Man: Well, I really wanted to go . I'm sorry I couldn't make it .	5	a / to / replacement / find
Woman: No worries. Some other people couldn't make it also .	6	that's / bad / too
Man: Oh, good. I am glad I was not the only one.	7	wanted / go / really / to
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