

## Let the verb show the action: avoid “is able to”

Avoid the phrase “is able to.” If necessary, “can” is a perfectly good word to use in its place.

### Examples

Instead of: BCIT is able to successfully manage the necessary course logistics to simultaneously deliver the twelve programs.

Write: BCIT can successfully manage the necessary course logistics to simultaneously deliver the twelve programs.

Instead of: The student was able to meet all the competencies of the revised profile.

Write: The student met all the competencies of the revised profile.



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