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I can identify when to use the subjunctive mood.

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In some of the sentences below, the subjunctive 'were' has been used whilst in others, the non-subjunctive 'was' has been used. Explain fully why each word has been used. The first has been done for you.

If I **were** your brother, we'd be able to play all the time.

*'Were' has been used because this is wishful thinking.*

*You can't really become someone's brother.*

If I **was** able to borrow your pens, I could complete my picture.

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If I **were** a millionaire, I'd donate half my money to charity.

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If I **was** able to go to university, I would study engineering.

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If I **were** able to play the match again, I would try a lot harder.

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Sometimes 'were' and 'was' can both sound grammatically correct within a sentence. The key is to ask yourself whether the statement is wishful thinking - almost like a daydream - or whether there is a possibility it could happen. For each sentence below, circle the best word choice.

If I was / were teacher of this class, I would stop giving you all homework.

If I was / were able to sit over there, I know I would get more work done.

If I was / were able to learn all my spellings, I'd get them all right.

If I was / were able to go back in time, I'd go to the period of the dinosaurs