Worksheet 6. Things people couldn’t do

Complete the passages. Choose a word from the word pool and write it in the blank.

hear  move  see  sleep  talk

1. Albert Einstein was a genius, as everybody knows. But, not many people know this: he couldn’t _______________ until he was almost four years old! He was born in Germany, and so his first words were in German.

2. Ray Charles was a jazz musician of the 20th century. He was famous all over the world. He was able to play the piano and compose beautiful music. But he couldn’t _______________. He was blind. He had a long career of over 50 years. A movie about his life, called Ray, came out in 2004.

3. Ludwig von Beethoven was a famous composer. He wrote beautiful symphonies. In his middle age, he became totally deaf. He couldn’t _______________ any of his own beautiful music. Amazingly, he continued to compose music until he died in 1827.

4. Christopher Reeve was an actor. He had many roles, but he was most famous for his role as Superman in the movies. When he was 43 years old, he had a very bad accident: he fell off a horse. The accident caused a terrible injury; it paralyzed him forever. He couldn’t _______________ any part of his body from the waist down.