GRAMMAR: Modals of ability and possibility

1 Order the words to make sentences.

1 to / paint / to / she'd / able / like / be
_____.

2 able / never / to / swim / he's / been
_____.

3 be / later / call / I'll / you / to / able
_____.

4 meet / are / to / tonight / able / us / you
_____?

5 they / see / movie / able / the / weren't / to
_____.

6 being / ride / he / to / motorcycle / able / a / loves
_____.

7 we / the / museum / to / be / visit / won't / able
_____.

8 to / a / haven't / able / I / buy / ticket / been
_____.

2 Read the sentences and complete the replies with the correct form of *can* or *be able to*. There may be more than one answer.

1 A Are you coming to the concert next Saturday?
B No, I'm afraid we're both working, so we _____.

2 A The best thing about vacations is all the books you can read!
B Yes, I love _____ read all day. It's so relaxing.

3 A Why is she taking a math course?
B She wants _____ help her son when he's older.

4 A I didn't know you were injured, Jamie.
B It's pretty bad. I _____ play any sports since January.

5 A Did you ask Ethan about the trip?
B No, he was in a meeting all day yesterday, so I _____ contact him.

6 A I'll bring the groceries back on my bike.
B Will you _____ manage OK?

7 A I heard that Suzi is sick.
B Yes, she _____ get out of bed for three days.

8 A I get so upset when I can't sleep.
B Me, too! I really hate _____ sleep.

VOCABULARY: TV and music

3 Replace the underlined words with the nouns in the box.

album	band	track	playlist
channel	episode	host	audience

1 The person who introduces the show got into trouble after being rude to his guest. _____

2 I switched to another TV station to watch a music show. _____

3 I've just downloaded their latest collection of songs. _____

4 Someone from the people watching the show asked him a question. _____

5 I've been watching a series about a boy band; tonight it's the last part of the story. _____

6 What's on your choice of music for the party? _____

7 Which is your favorite group of musicians? _____

8 The second song on the CD is probably the best. _____

4 Complete the sentences with TV and music words.

1 I watched the first episode in the _____, but there are four more parts to go.

2 They had a few successful records, but *Get by* was probably their biggest _____.

3 The next time my favorite singer goes _____ _____, I'm definitely buying a ticket!

4 I have all her music, but I've never seen her perform _____ on stage.

5 He entered a TV _____ _____ and won first prize for singing.

6 There's a new _____ _____ on Channel 4 tonight about people marrying total strangers!

7 My mom loves this _____ _____ about a typical small town. It's been on TV for over twenty years.

8 I can't stand all the _____ they show between TV episode.

PRONUNCIATION: /eɪ/ and /ʊ/ sounds

5 7.2 Practice saying the sentences. Make sure that you pronounce the vowel sound in *able* /eɪ/ and the vowel sound in *could* /ʊ/. Listen, check, and repeat.

1 I'd love to be able to play the guitar.

2 The music was so loud I couldn't hear Diego.

3 I won't be able to join you this year.

4 Luckily, I was able to take some time off.

5 She could play three instruments by the time she was ten.

6 We couldn't contact her yesterday.

LIVEWORKSHEETS