

CLASSWORK – 10TH GRADE

Modal verbs for ability: *can, could, be able to, manage to*

1 Choose the correct options.

Gemma ⁰ **was able / could / managed** paint really well when she was only four years old. In fact, she was so good that her parents ¹ **could / able to / managed** to get one of her paintings into a famous art exhibition. Her talents surprised her parents because they ² **didn't manage / couldn't / weren't able** to paint at all. They ³ **couldn't / weren't able / didn't manage** understand why Gemma was so talented. When she was ten, she started selling portraits of people and animals online and ⁴ **can / was able / could** to make quite a lot of money. However, although she was successful as an artist, she never ⁵ **managed / was able / could** to do her homework and she had to stay down in her class a year. Now she has extra lessons and thinks she will ⁶ **be able to / manage / can** improve her schoolwork enough so that she can join her old class again.