

GRAMMAR Modals: Ability, possibility and managed to

1 Choose the correct answers. Sometimes two answers are correct.

- I swim until I was fifteen years old.
a couldn't b managed to
c wasn't able to
- How fix Mark's computer?
a could you b did you manage to
c managed you to
- Stella could read before she walk.
a was able to b could
c might be able to
- Tom has hurt his leg, so we play tennis next weekend.
a won't be able to b couldn't
c didn't manage to
- In the end, I persuade my dad to buy me a scooter.
a was able to b managed to
c will be able to
- Tickets are going to be very difficult to get, but with luck we buy some on the internet.
a could b might be able to
c will be able to
- finish your project in time last week?
a Did you manage to b Could you
c Will you be able to
- It was hard work, but eventually I climb over the garden wall.
a managed to b could
c was able to

2 Complete the sentences with (not) be able to and a verb from the box. Use *might* if possible.

beat	come	go	help
mend	play	see	visit

- I'm not sure yet, but I (not) to your party tomorrow.
- When we climbed to the top of this mountain, we the whole city.
- I think I this bicycle – it could be easy, or it could be impossible.
- When I get a car, we anywhere we like at the weekend!
- I asked Susan for advice, but she (not) me.
- Even if you train every day for a year, you (not) me in a 100 metre race!
- She hopes she her grandmother soon.
- We (not) football tomorrow – it depends on the weather.

3 Correct the mistakes in these sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.

- He thought he can swim.
- He is so sly that he managed to avoid detection for a long period by pretending to be a good man.
- It was the first time a song could make me cry.
- As I ordered him not to move, I could call the police.
- Even though he was born into a poor family he managed it to go to school.
- We decided to find a job in order to can get the money for Carla's present.

VOCABULARY Adjective + preposition

1 Match the prepositions in the box to the adjectives.

about	at	by	for	in	on	to	with
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- addicted
- annoyed
- disappointed
- furios
- keen
- nervous
- surprised
- suitable

2 Complete the sentences with an adjective + preposition from exercise 1.

- I always get exams, and never sleep well the night before.
- Our teacher gets very students talking in class, and sometimes shouts at them.
- I thought her first novel was great, but I was her second one, which wasn't nearly as good.
- Dan is computer games – he just can't stop playing them.
- My dad was absolutely me when I crashed my bicycle into his car.
- The organisers were the number of people who turned up – they weren't expecting so many.
- This book is quite frightening, so it isn't young children.
- I'm not really novels, but I read a lot of comics.