

Name: _____

MODAL VERBS: CAN AND COULD

Put in 'can' / 'can't' / 'could' / 'couldn't'

1. _____ you swim when you were 10?
2. We _____ get to the meeting on time yesterday because the train was delayed by one hour.
3. He's amazing, he _____ speak 5 languages including Chinese.
4. I _____ drive a car until I was 34, then I moved to the countryside so I had to learn.
5. I looked everywhere for my glasses but I _____ find them anywhere.
6. She's 7 years old but she _____ read yet – her parents are getting her extra lessons.
7. I read the book three times but I _____ understand it.
8. James _____ speak Japanese when he lived in Japan, but he's forgotten most of it now.
9. I _____ understand the chapter we had to read for homework. It was so difficult.
10. I _____ lift this box – it's too heavy! Would you help me?
11. Lucy _____ make it to our meeting after all. She's stuck in traffic at the moment.
12. John _____ play tennis really well. He's champion of his club.
13. Unfortunately, I really _____ sing at all! No-one in my family is musical either.
14. Julian _____ play excellent golf when he was only ten.
15. My grandmother _____ use a computer until last month. Since then, she's been taking lessons at the library.
16. I _____ open this window. I think it's stuck! 20. Gill _____ play the piano. She's never studied it.