

Modals and phrases of ability



CAN

We use to talk about general abilities, in the Present Tense.

1

Read the grammar guide carefully .Match the information about the modal verbs on the left, with the pitures on the right .Write the correct number.

	I like being able to visit my parents regularly	I could run really fast when al was a child

COULD

We use to talk about general abilities, in the Past Simple.

2

Complete the sentences with **can**, **could** and **be able to**

- 1.I went to Tulcán last year but I **can't/ couldn't** visit the well known graveyard.
- 2.Rodolfo's **been able to swim** / He **can swim** since he was a child.
- 3.When Amparo was a kid, she **could/ was able to** dance very well.
- 4.Rafaela tried to see Breaking Bad, but she **wasn't able to/ can't** finish it.
- 5.Juan **managed/ could** summit peaks when he was a teenager, but he **can't/ couldn't** climb a mountain now.
- 6.Francisca needs to **can/ be able to** speak Quechua in her new job.

BE ABLE TO

In present perfect, past perfect and after modal verbs. To define specific past achievements

3

Look the pictures and complete with the correct modal or phrase of ability



Pedro_____sing well.He sings awfully.



My mom_____ cook when she got married because she didn't have enough time.



Everyone should_____ to speak English.