Mixed Modals of Ability

A. Instructions: *Use **can, can't, could, couldn't, to be able to** or **to not be able to** to finish these sentences.*

** Be careful with negative or positive sentences and with adverbs.)*

Times are always changing, and technology is changing too. Look at transportation. In the past, people used a horse and buggy. Then cars were invented and they_____ drive to go shopping instead. Cars were very expensive though. Only rich people _____ buy them and the average person couldn't have one. Now of course, cars are less expensive and many people _____ buy them. Maybe they _____ buy a Porsche or a Lamborghini, or they _____ buy a new car, but most people _____ buy some type of car, and they _____ drive to many distant places.

Some places are too far to drive to. Many years ago, people _____ take a train to get to some of these far-off places, and they _____ still use trains now. People _____ go across country or even across many countries on super fast trains. Usually now though, people don't have time so they _____ travel by train. Luckily, they don't have too.

Many years ago, when people wanted to travel overseas, they _____ go by ship. It takes a very long time, but people _____ still use ships to go overseas. Ships are nice for a holiday vacation, but when people are in a hurry, they _____ take a plane. That is something people _____ do a hundred years ago.

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In the future, we will do something we ________________ do now. Elon Musk, the designer of the TESLA car, says he ________________ make a ship that ________________ take people into space. Tourists ________________ take a vacation to space. They ________________ see the moon, the stars, and the earth from space. Most people ________________ take this trip because they________________ save enough money. As with cars, the rich people ________________ go first

Technology is always changing. One day, maybe people ________________ time-travel. Who knows!

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B. *Instructions: Answer the questions using information from the story.*

1. How many different types of transportation does this article talk about? What are they?

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2. What type of transportation did people use in the past?

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3. What type of transportation do people use now?

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4. What type of transportation will people use in the future?

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