

Empower B1+ U4A

1 GRAMMAR

Modals and phrases of ability

a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 He *wasn't able to / won't be able to / hasn't been able to* practise with the band since he started his new job.
- 2 Your sister speaks English really well. *Could you / Can you / Have you been able to* speak it as well as her?
- 3 By the time he was seven, *he can / he could / he's been able to* speak four languages fluently.
- 4 The banks are all closed now, but, don't worry; *you'll be able to / you could / you were able to* change some money tomorrow morning.
- 5 He missed the last bus but, fortunately, he *could / can / was able to* find a taxi to take him back to the hotel.
- 6 I *can't / couldn't / haven't been able to* find where your street was, so in the end I asked a policeman.
- 7 Before she goes abroad on holiday, she tries to learn some of the language, as she likes *being able to / can / will be able to* say a few words to the people she meets.
- 8 She looked everywhere in her apartment but she *can't / won't be able to / didn't manage to* find her car keys.

2 VOCABULARY Ability

a Underline the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 To run 20 marathons in less than a month was an incredible *success / achievement / attitude*.
- 2 She has the *ability / success / achievement* to learn languages very quickly.
- 3 Jenny has a really positive attitude *at / towards / to* her studies. She works really hard.
- 4 I am *brilliant / confident / determined* to get a grade A in the exam.
- 5 They were one of the most *successful / determined / confident* bands of the 1960s. They sold millions of records.
- 6 Unfortunately, he *succeeded in / achieved / gave up* studying languages when he was 14 so his English isn't very good.