

Empower A2 U8A

1 GRAMMAR

can / can't, could / couldn't for ability

Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 My mother *can / couldn't / can't* swim when she was a child, but now she *can / could / couldn't* swim five kilometres.
- 2 **A** *Can / Can't / Could* you play tennis when you were five?
B No, I *can't / couldn't / could*.
- 3 **A** *Can / Can't / Couldn't* you speak Spanish?
B No, not now. I *can / can't / could* speak it when I lived in Mexico, but not any more.
- 4 When I started cycling, I *can't / couldn't / can* cycle very far, but now I *could / can / can't* cycle ten kilometres without stopping.
- 5 He *could / can't / can* dance all night when he was a young man, but not these days.
- 6 I usually work at weekends, so I *could / can / can't* play golf very often.

2 VOCABULARY Sport and exercise

Complete the sentences.

- 1 He went running every day after work because he wanted to get fit for the London Marathon.
- 2 At weekends, my father goes _____ with his friends in the countryside. He's got an amazing new bike.
- 3 John loves going _____. I think he likes spending the whole day by the river, even when it's raining.
- 4 I went to Switzerland last winter and I went _____ in the mountains every day.
- 5 Sometimes I do _____ in the evening. It helps me to relax before I go to bed.
- 6 Alice loves going _____ at the sports centre. The water in the pool is always nice and warm.
- 7 I like playing _____ on the beach. You just need four people, a ball and a net.
- 8 In Argentina, I learned to _____ the tango.
- 9 In Quebec it's so cold in winter that you can _____ on the river.
- 10 Last summer, we went _____ in a big boat on the Mediterranean Sea for a week. I'd love to do it again.

