Modals of Ability Exercise 1

Put in 'can' / 'can't' / 'could' / 'couldn't' or \be able to

1 y	ou swim when you v	vere 10?	
2. We	get to the meetin	g on time yesterda	ay because the
train was delayed by one	hour.		
3. He	arrive at the party	on time, even afte	er missing the
train, so he was very plea	ased.		
4. He's amazing, he	spe	ak 5 languages inc	luding Chinese.
5. I	drive a car until I wa	s 34, then I moved	d to the
countryside so I had to le	earn.		
6. I looked everywhere fo	or my glasses but I _		_ find them
anywhere.			
7. I searched for your ho	use for ages, luckily I		find it in the
end.			
8. She's 7 years old but s	he	read yet – her	parents are
getting her extra lessons.			
9. I read the book three t	imes but I	under	stand it.
10. James	speak Japane	se when he lived i	n Japan, but he's
forgotten most of it now	Mi		
11.	_ understand the ch	apter we had to re	ad for homework. It
was so difficult.			
12. I	_ lift this box – it's to	o heavy! Would y	ou help me?
12 Lucus	make it to aux	maating often all (Sha'a stuali ia

traffic at the moment.			
14. John	play tennis really well. He's champion of his club.		
15. Unfortunately, I reall	y sing at all! No-one in my family		
is musical either.			
16. When the car broke of	down I was really pleased because I		
solve the problem.			
17. Julian	play excellent golf when he was only ten.		
18. My grandmother	use a computer until last month. Since		
then, she's been taking l	essons at the library.		
19. I	open this window. I think it's stuck!		
20. Gill	play the piano. She's never studied it.		