

GRAMMAR: Modals of ability and possibility

1 Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 to / paint / to / she'd / able / like / be

- 2 able / never / to / swim / he's / been

- 3 be / later / call / I'll / you / to / able

- 4 meet / are / to / tonight / able / us / you
_____?
- 5 they / see / movie / able / the / weren't / to

- 6 being / ride / he / to / motorcycle / able / a / loves

- 7 we / the / museum / to / be / visit / won't / able

- 8 to / a / haven't / able / I / buy / ticket / been

2 Read the sentences and complete the replies with the correct form of *can* or *be able to*. There may be more than one answer.

- 1 A Are you coming to the concert next Saturday?
B No, I'm afraid we're both working, so we _____.
- 2 A The best thing about vacations is all the books you can read!
B Yes, I love _____ read all day. It's so relaxing.
- 3 A Why is she taking a math course?
B She wants _____ help her son when he's older.
- 4 A I didn't know you were injured, Jamie.
B It's pretty bad. I _____ play any sports since January.
- 5 A Did you ask Ethan about the trip?
B No, he was in a meeting all day yesterday, so I _____ contact him.
- 6 A I'll bring the groceries back on my bike.
B Will you _____ manage OK?
- 7 A I heard that Suzi is sick.
B Yes, she _____ get out of bed for three days.
- 8 A I get so upset when I can't sleep.
B Me, too! I really hate _____ sleep.

VOCABULARY: TV and music

3 Replace the underlined words with the nouns in the box.

album band track playlist
channel episode host audience

- 1 The person who introduces the show got into trouble after being rude to his guest. _____
- 2 I switched to another TV station to watch a music show. _____
- 3 I've just downloaded their latest collection of songs. _____
- 4 Someone from the people watching the show asked him a question. _____
- 5 I've been watching a series about a boy band; tonight it's the last part of the story. _____
- 6 What's on your choice of music for the party? _____
- 7 Which is your favorite group of musicians? _____
- 8 The second song on the CD is probably the best. _____

4 Complete the sentences with TV and music words.

- 1 I watched the first episode in the _____, but there are four more parts to go.
- 2 They had a few successful records, but *Get by* was probably their biggest _____.
- 3 The next time my favorite singer goes _____, I'm definitely buying a ticket!
- 4 I have all her music, but I've never seen her perform _____ on stage.
- 5 He entered a TV _____ and won first prize for singing.
- 6 There's a new _____ on Channel 4 tonight about people marrying total strangers!
- 7 My mom loves this _____ about a typical small town. It's been on TV for over twenty years.
- 8 I can't stand all the _____ they show between TV episode.

PRONUNCIATION: /ey/ and /u/ sounds

5 7.2 Practice saying the sentences. Make sure that you pronounce the vowel sound in *able* /ey/ and the vowel sound in *could* /u/. Listen, check, and repeat.

- 1 I'd love to be able to play the guitar.
- 2 The music was so loud I couldn't hear Diego.
- 3 I won't be able to join you this year.
- 4 Luckily, I was able to take some time off.
- 5 She could play three instruments by the time she was ten.
- 6 We couldn't contact her yesterday.