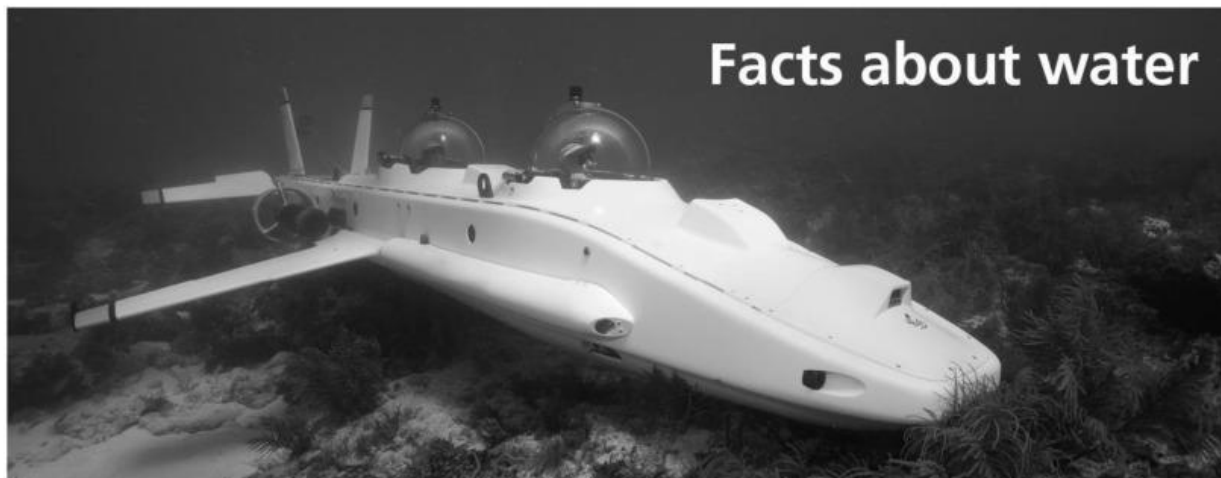


# CAN, COULD & BE ABLE TO

Read the fact file. Then complete the facts with *can* (✓), *can't* (✗), *could* (✓), *couldn't* (✗), *will be able to* (✓), or *won't be able to* (✗).



- ✓ Using current technology, humans <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ now travel to the deepest point underwater in the world.
- ✗ Scuba divers who have only passed a beginner's course <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dive deeper underwater than 18 meters.
- ✓ The *S.S. United States* was the fastest ocean liner ever. In the 1950s, it <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cross the Atlantic Ocean in about three and a half days.
- ✓ Christopher Columbus was a famous explorer who sailed to the Americas in the 1490s. Unusually, he <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ swim very well. In fact, he once swam to safety from a burning ship.
- ✓ Under-sixteens <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ take part in swimming events at the next Olympics. Some sports ban under-sixteens—gymnastics, for example—but not swimming.
- ✓ Experts predict that one day, in the future, swimmers <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ swim faster than 7.7 kilometers per hour. Currently, around 7.7 kilometers per hour is the fastest recorded time—so it's likely that somebody will go faster.
- ✗ Women <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ compete in swimming events at the first Olympics in 1896. In fact, they weren't allowed to compete in swimming until 1912.
- ✗ You <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ drink even 1% of the water on Earth during your life.
- ✗ An average person <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ safely drink more than a liter of water every hour.
- ✗ Imagine that, starting now, a human being has no water to drink—he or she <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ survive until the end of the week.