

Modals and phrases of ability

Put in 'can' / 'can't' / 'could' / 'couldn't'. If none is possible, use 'be able to' in the correct form:

1. _____ you swim when you were 10?



2. We _____ get to the meeting on time yesterday because the train was delayed by one hour.

3. He _____ arrive at the party on time, even after missing the train, so he was very pleased.



4. He's amazing, he _____ speak 5 languages including Chinese.

5. I _____ drive a car until I was 34, then I moved to the countryside so I had to learn.



6. I looked everywhere for my glasses but I _____ find them anywhere.

7. I searched for your house for ages, luckily I _____ find it in the end.

8. She's 7 years old but she _____ read yet – her parents are getting her extra lessons.



9. I read the book three times but I _____ understand it.

10. Lucy _____ make it to our meeting after all. She's stuck in traffic at the moment.