

PRACTICE

① Complete the sentences with *can*, *can't*, *could*, *couldn't*, *may* or *might*. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 I've looked for my phone, but I find it.
- 2 My brother swim when he was four.
- 3 I'm not sure what to do tomorrow. I go to Jo's party.
- 4 She isn't looking well. I think she have flu.
- 5 I play the piano but I don't play very often.
- 6 Kieran ride a bike until he was nearly 12.

Read the message. Then complete the rules with the underlined words.

Hi Kylie, I'm sorry I couldn't meet you yesterday and I don't think I can go out on Thursday, either. I may be busy all evening on Friday, too, so Saturday might be better. There's a new film on at the cinema. I don't know much about it but it's got our favourite actor in it, so it could be really good! Let me know what you think. Lauren

- 1 We use to talk about ability in the present and to talk about ability in the past.
- 2 We use , or for possibility in the present or future, with no real difference in meaning.

Choose the correct option in *italics*.

Hi Lauren, thanks for your message. I
(1) *might not / couldn't* reply to you earlier
because I was in class. I (2) *may / can* see
you're very busy at the moment, so perhaps
it (3) *can / might* be better to meet another
weekend. It's a shame we (4) *can't / may not*
see each other more often. You're my best
friend and I know I (5) *might / can* always tell
you anything. I (6) *could / couldn't* phone you
in the next few days if you like. Love, Kylie