

GRAMMAR

Modals of ability and possibility

1 Choose the correct answers. Sometimes two answers are correct.

- 1 I swim until I was 15 years old.
A couldn't B managed to
C wasn't able to
- 2 How fix Mark's computer?
A could you B did you manage to
C managed you to
- 3 Stella could read before she walk.
A was able to B could
C might be able to
- 4 Tom has hurt his leg, so we play tennis next weekend.
A won't be able to B couldn't
C didn't manage to
- 5 In the end, I persuade my dad to buy me a scooter.
A was able to B managed to
C will be able to
- 6 Tickets are going to be very difficult to get, but with luck we buy some on the internet.
A could B might be able to
C will be able to
- 7 finish your project on time last week?
A Did you manage to B Could you
C Will you be able to
- 8 It was hard work, but eventually I climb over the garden wall.
A managed to B could
C was able to

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be able to* and the verbs in the box.

beat come go help
mend play see visit

- 1 I'm not sure yet, but I (not) to your party tomorrow.
- 2 When we climbed to the top of the mountain, we the whole city.
- 3 I think I this bicycle – it could be easy, or it could be impossible.
- 4 When I get a car, we anywhere we like at the weekend!
- 5 I asked Olivia for advice, but she (not) me.
- 6 Even if you train every day for a year, you (not) me in a 100-metre race!
- 7 She hopes she her grandmother soon.
- 8 We (not) football tomorrow – it depends on the weather.

3 Correct the mistakes in five of the sentences. Which one is correct?

- 1 He thought he can swim.
- 2 He is so sly that he managed to avoid detection for a long period by pretending to be a good man.
- 3 It was the first time a song could make me cry.
- 4 As I ordered him not to move, I could call the police.
- 5 Even though he was born into a poor family, he managed it to go to school.
- 6 We decided to find a job in order to can get the money for Carla's present.

VOCABULARY

Adjective + preposition

1 Match the prepositions in the box to the adjectives.

about at by for on to with (x2)

1 addicted	5 keen
2 annoyed	6 nervous
3 disappointed	7 surprised
4 furious	8 suitable

2 Complete each sentence with an adjective and a preposition from Exercise 1.

- 1 I always get exams, and never sleep well the night before.
- 2 Our teacher gets very students talking in class, and sometimes shouts at them.
- 3 I thought her first novel was great, but I was her second one, which wasn't nearly as good.
- 4 Dan's computer games – he just can't stop playing them.
- 5 My dad was absolutely me when I crashed my bike into his car.
- 6 The organisers were the number of people who turned up – they weren't expecting so many.
- 7 This book is quite frightening, so it isn't young children.
- 8 I'm not really novels, but I read a lot of comics.