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 _____
2 annoyed _____
3 disappointed _____
4 furious _____
5 keen _____
6 nervous _____
7 surprised _____
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.



LIVEWORKSHEETS