Can, Could, Be able to, May/might

A Fill in: *can('t) / could(n't).*

1. When I was a two-month-old baby I ……talk.
2. Sarah …… (✗)play the guitar, but she ……(✓)play the piano.
3. Mark……run fast two years ago but now he can.
4. ……you speak English?
5. I ……(✓)speak English, but I ……(✗)speak Italian.
6. ……you ride a skateboard when you were a child?
7. They ……ride a bike at the age of eight. They learnt easily.
8. Arthur ……play basketball last year but now he can.
9. Derek ……walk at the age of two.
10. We……(✗) go to the party.

B Fill in: *am-is-are able to / was-were able to / will be able to.*

1. Now I …… ride a horse, but last year I couldn't.
2. Last year I …… (✓)pass all my exams.
3. Sonia …… (✓) come to the cinema with us tomorrow.
4. ……you…… buy a new car next year?
5. We …… (✗) unlock the door last night so we stayed at a hotel.
6. Tom …… (✗) drive a car.
7. ……Ellen …… climb trees?
8. ……Mike…… go on holiday last summer?

C Fill in: *could(n't) / was(n't)-were(n't) able to.*

1. I ……drive a car at the age of sixteen.
2. Last night I …… visit you because I was very tired.
3. ……(you) read and write at the age of six?
4. When she was five, she ……ski well.
5. They …… attend the meeting last week.
6. We …… travel to Japan last year. We had no money.

D Fill in: *may (might)- may not (might not).*

1. It ……rain tomorrow. (✓)
2. I ……go to the park this afternoon. (✗)
3. ……I open the window, please?
4. They ……invite us to their wedding. (✗)
5. Susan and Rebecca……take the bus. I'm not sure.
6. The kids ……be hungry. (✓)

E Choose the correct answer.

1. It is possible that he will come. He …….. come.
   a. could b. is able to
   c. may d. couldn't
2. We managed to finish on time. We ……. finish on time.
   a. were able to b. could
   c. may d. might not
3. There is a possibility that it will snow. It …… snow.
   a. may b. might not
   c. is able to d. could
4. She ……skip a rope when she was a child.
   a. can't b. might not
   c. can d. could
5. They ……get to school on time yesterday morning.
   a. are able to b. can
   c. were able to d. could
6. I……to cook well.
   a. could b. can
   c. am able d. may

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