

CLASSWORK – 10TH GRADE

Modal verbs for ability: *can, could, be able to, manage to*

1 Choose the correct options.

Gemma ⁰ ***was able / could / managed*** paint really well when she was only four years old. In fact, she was so good that her parents ¹ ***could / able to / managed*** to get one of her paintings into a famous art exhibition. Her talents surprised her parents because they ² ***didn't manage / couldn't / weren't able*** to paint at all. They ³ ***couldn't / weren't able / didn't manage*** understand why Gemma was so talented. When she was ten, she started selling portraits of people and animals online and ⁴ ***can / was able / could*** to make quite a lot of money. However, although she was successful as an artist, she never ⁵ ***managed / was able / could*** to do her homework and she had to stay down in her class a year. Now she has extra lessons and thinks she will ⁶ ***be able to / manage / can*** improve her schoolwork enough so that she can join her old class again.