

## C Grammar exercises

**1** Underline the most suitable words. Sometimes both options are possible.

- 1 He's a concert pianist and he can / manages to play all Beethoven's sonatas.
- 2 When I lived in a small town I was able to / could walk almost everywhere, but now I live in the capital city I need a car.
- 3 They worked all night and could / managed to finish the report just in time.
- 4 The protestors didn't manage to / couldn't persuade the president to change the law.
- 5 Next year she can / will be able to join the club, but she's not old enough yet.
- 6 In my country it can / is able to get very cold in the winter.
- 7 I was nearly late as the bus didn't come, but luckily I could / managed to get a taxi.
- 8 I hope that I will be able to / will manage to do some sightseeing when I'm in New York next week on business, but I've got a busy schedule.
- 9 She didn't get good enough grades to go to her first choice of university but she could / was able to get a place at another one.

**2** Tick (✓) the sentence, a or b, which best matches the sentence on the right.

1a He might be British.	He has a British passport.
b He must be British. ✓	
2a Our teacher can't be off sick.	I just saw him in the corridor talking to a student.
b Our teacher may not be off sick.	
3a It can be cold in Delhi in December.	I advise you to take some warm clothes just in case.
b It must be cold in Delhi in December.	
4a John can't have been working late last night.	He wasn't home when I called at seven.
b John might have been working late last night.	
5a He can't be a millionaire.	He has shares in the most successful company of all time.
b He must be a millionaire.	
6a I may come to the lecture this afternoon.	It depends if I finish my essay before then.
b I must come to the lecture this afternoon.	
7a The exam may have been very difficult.	Not many people passed it.
b The exam must have been very difficult.	
8a John couldn't know how to get here.	We will have to give him directions.
b John might not know how to get here.	