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MODALS OF ABILITY AND POSSIBILITY

- **Present:** Use **can** for ability in the present or **am/is/are able to**
- **Past:** Use **could** for ability in the past or **was/were able to**
- **Future:** Use **will be able to** or **won't be able to**.
- **Possibility: Can** is for general statements, while **could** is used for specific events that are possible but not certain.

Exercise 1: The Life of a Professional Travel Vlogger

*Complete the sentences using **can, can't, could,** or **couldn't** based on the context of ability.*

1. To be a travel vlogger, you _____ (affirmative) tell a story that keeps people watching.
2. When I started, I _____ (negative) edit videos very well, so I had to take a course.
3. _____ you speak any other languages to help you navigate new cities?
4. A professional vlogger _____ (affirmative) often find the best camera angles even in crowded places.
5. Last year, I _____ (negative) visit Japan because the borders were closed, but I went this year!

Exercise 2: The Ethical Hacker's Challenge

*Fill in the blanks with the correct form of **be able to** (present, past, or future).*

1. The security team _____ (negative / past) stop the virus, so they are still working.
2. Next year, with this new software, we _____ (affirmative / future) detect threats much faster.
3. Yesterday, the experts _____ (affirmative / past) recover all the stolen data before the deadline.
4. If you don't study coding, you _____ (negative / future) pass the certification exam.
5. I _____ (affirmative / present) fix most computer errors because I've practiced for years.

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Exercise 3: Job Interview Simulation

Rewrite the following interview questions and statements using the structures in the brackets.

1. Do you have the ability to work under pressure? (**Can**)
Can you work under pressure?
2. In my last job, I had the ability to manage a team of five. (**could**)

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3. Will it be possible for you to start next Monday? (**be able to**)

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4. I don't have the ability to code in Python yet. (**can't**)

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5. It is possible for this server to crash if it gets too hot. (**can**)

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Exercise 4: Predicting the Future of Work

Choose the best option to complete the sentences regarding possibility and future ability.

1. In 2050, doctors **(will be able to / couldn't)** perform surgery using only remote-controlled robots.
2. Be careful with that AI; it **(could / can't)** produce an error if the data is wrong, though I'm not certain it will.

3. Space tour guides **(will be able to / are able to)** take tourists to Mars in the next few decades.

4. If the system is down, the technicians **(won't be able to / haven't been able to)** check the logs until tomorrow.

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