

MODAL VERBS 1 – ABILITY

Intermediate level

Name: _____

Practice 2 - General or specific ability

Complete the sentences below using 'could/couldn't' or 'was/were able to' + the verbs in brackets.

1. Benjamin Franklin _____ (speak) English and French.
2. I looked everywhere, but I _____ (find) the right street.
3. _____ (you/convince) her to go out with you?
4. Patricia used to be a professional dancer. She _____ (dance) really well.
5. We _____ (contact) you. Was your phone switched off?
6. At the end of the long meeting, we _____ (make) a decision.
7. _____ (you/hear) me last night? I was trying to be quiet.
8. My laptop wasn't working properly, but in the end I _____ (fix) it.