**Modals of Ability**

**1** **Put in 'can' / 'can't' / 'could' / 'couldn't'. If none is possible, use 'be able to' in the correct tense.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you swim when you were 10?

2. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ get to the meeting on time yesterday because the train was delayed by one hour.

3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arrive at the party on time, even after missing the train, so he was very pleased.

4. He's amazing. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speak 5 languages including Chinese.

5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drive a car until I was 34, then I moved to the countryside so I had to learn.

6. I looked everywhere for my glasses but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ find them anywhere.

7. I searched for your house for ages. Luckily, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ find it in the end.

8. She's 7 years old but she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ read yet – her parents are getting her extra lessons.

9. I read the book three times but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand it.

10. James \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speak Japanese when he lived in Japan, but he's forgotten most of it now.

11. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand the chapter we had to read for homework. It was so difficult.

12. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lift this box – it's too heavy! Would you help me?

13. Lucy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ make it to our meeting after all. She's stuck in traffic at the moment.

14. John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ play tennis really well. He's champion of his club.

15. Unfortunately, I really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sing at all! No-one in my family is musical either.

16. When the car broke down, I was really pleased because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ solve the problem.

17. Julian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ play excellent golf when he was only ten.

18. My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use a computer until last month. Since then, she's been taking lessons at the library.

19. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ open this window. I think it's stuck!

20. Gill \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ play the piano. She's never studied it