



Modal Verbs 1 – Ability, Possibility, Permission – Exercise Sheet 2

Exercise 1: Fill in the Gaps – Ability, Possibility, and Permission

Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb: can, could, may, might, or be able to.

1. She _____ swim very well, but she wants to improve. (*ability*)
 2. I _____ come to your party, but I'm not sure yet. (*possibility*)
 3. When I was a child, I _____ run very fast. (*past ability*)
 4. You _____ not enter this area without a special pass. (*permission*)
 5. We _____ be late for the meeting if we don't leave now. (*possibility*)
 6. He _____ fix the car after trying for hours. (*past ability – specific event*)
 7. _____ I borrow your pen, please? (*polite request – formal*)
 8. I'm sorry, but I _____ not make it to your wedding. (*possibility – formal*)
 9. He _____ be at work, or he might be at home. (*possibility*)
 10. If you study hard, you _____ pass the exam easily. (*ability*)
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Exercise 2: Error Correction – Modal Verbs

Each sentence contains **one mistake** related to modal verbs. **Find and correct them**

1. Do you can help me with my homework?
2. When I was younger, I was able to can ride a bike.
3. I mightn't be able to finish the project in time.
4. Could you borrow me your phone for a second?
5. She could not to attend the meeting last week.
6. It mayn't rain today, but bring an umbrella just in case.
7. We was able to find a solution quickly.
8. Can I to ask you a question?
9. He couldn't win the competition, so he was very disappointed.
10. You may borrow my car if you want.