

## Can, could, be able to, may, might

1. Complete these sentences using **can**, **can't**, **could** or **couldn't** with a suitable verb from the list.

**control    cook    go    play    play    read    see    speak    swim    walk**

1. I can't swim now but when I was younger I ..... well.
2. When I am ill, I ..... to school.
3. Foreigners often ..... English.
4. My uncle ..... football very well when he was eighteen.
5. When she lived in France, she ..... French food but now she's forgotten.
6. The manager is very busy. She ..... you until next week.
7. She didn't pass the driving test because she ..... the car.
8. He has lost his glasses, so he ..... the newspaper.
9. Babies .....
10. I had to leave the orchestra because I ..... the violin well.

**2. Use **be able to** in the past, present or future tense. Use a negative form if necessary.**

1. I ..... pass the exam because I had a good teacher.
2. They are busy today but they ..... help you tomorrow.
3. They are going to France next month. They ..... see the Eiffel Tower.
4. He was ill last week, so he ..... go to his lessons.
5. I ..... sleep last night. The dog was very noisy.
6. She ..... operate the computer because she has lost the instructions.
7. My car has broken down but I ..... borrow my father's car next week.
8. .... you ..... visit the museum while you were working in London?
9. .... you ..... go skiing when you are in Switzerland next year?
10. "..... you ..... talk to me now?" "No, I'm busy."

**3. Make sentences with *may* or *might* with the same meaning as the original sentences.**

1. He will possibly come to the party. (70%)

He .....

2. Perhaps she will help you. (40%)

She .....

3. It will rain tomorrow, I think. (40%)

It .....

4. They are probably in the supermarket. (70%)

They .....

5. They will possibly get married. (40%)

They .....

6. He wants to come to the disco but it's not probable. (40%)

He .....

7. Perhaps my team are going to win the championship. (70%)

My team .....

8. The sun will possibly shine tomorrow. (70%)

The sun .....

9. I haven't decided but possibly I'll visit you next summer. (70%)

I .....

10. Possibly, he is drunk. (40%)

He .....

**Answer key:** Can, could, be able to, may, might

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| <p><b>1.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. could swim</li><li>2. can't go</li><li>3. can't (can) speak</li><li>4. could play</li><li>5. could cook</li><li>6. can't see</li><li>7. couldn't control</li><li>8. can't read</li><li>9. can't walk</li><li>10. couldn't play</li></ol>  | <p><b>2.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. was able to</li><li>2. will be able to</li><li>3. will be able to</li><li>4. wasn't able to</li><li>5. wasn't able to</li><li>6. isn't able to</li><li>7. will be able to</li><li>8. Were / able to</li><li>9. Will / be able to</li><li>10. Are / able to</li></ol> |
| <p><b>3.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. He may come to the party.</li><li>2. She might help you.</li><li>3. It might rain tomorrow.</li><li>4. They may be in the supermarket.</li><li>5. They might get married.</li><li>6. He might come to the disco.</li><li>7. My team may win the championship.</li><li>8. The sun may shine tomorrow.</li><li>9. I may visit you next summer.</li><li>10. He might be drunk.</li></ol> |  |