

Modals of Ability 1

Put in 'can', 'can't', 'could' or 'couldn't'. If none of these is possible use 'be able to' in the correct tense.

1) you swim when you were 10? **Could**

2) We get to the meeting on time yesterday, because the train was delayed by one hour. **couldn't**

3) He arrive at the party on time, even after missing the train, so he was very pleased. **was able to**

4) He's amazing, he speak five languages, including Chinese. **can**

5) I drive a car until I was 34. Then I moved to the countryside, so I had to learn.. **couldn't**

6) I looked everywhere for my glasses but I find them anywhere. **couldn't**

7) I searched for your house for ages. luckily I find it in the end. **was able to**

8) She's seven years old, but she read yet. Her parents are getting her extra lessons. **can't**

9) I read the book three times, but I understand it. **couldn't**

10) James speak Japanese when he lived in Japan, but he's forgotten most of it now. **could**

11) I understand the chapter we had to read for homework. It was so difficult. **couldn't**

12) I lift this box - it's too heavy! Would you help me? **can't**

13) Lucy make it to our meeting after all. She's stuck in traffic. **can't**

14) John play tennis really well. He's champion of his club. **can**

15) Unfortunately, I really sing at all. No-one in my family is musical either.. **can't**

16) When the car broke down I was really pleased because I solve the problem. **was able to**

17) Julian play excellent golf when he was only ten. **could**

18) My grandmother use a computer until last month. Since then she's been taking lessons at the library. **couldn't**

19) I open this window! I think it's stuck. **can't**

20) Gill play the piano. She has never studied it. **can't**

Modals of Obligation 1

Put in 'mustn't' or 'don't / doesn't have to':

1) We have a lot of work tomorrow. You be late.**mustn't**

2) You tell anyone what I just told you. It's a secret.**mustn't**

3) The museum is free. You pay to get in.**don't have to**

4) Children tell lies. It's very naughty.**mustn't**

5) John's a millionaire. He go to work.**doesn't have to**

6) I do my washing because my mother does it for me.**don't have to**

7) We rush. We've got plenty of time.**don't have to**

8) You smoke inside the school.**mustn't**

9) You can borrow my new dress, but you get it dirty.**mustn't**

10) We miss the train, because it's the last one tonight.**mustn't**

11) She do this work today, because she can do it tomorrow.**doesn't have to**

12) I clean the floor today because I cleaned it yesterday.**don't have to**

13) We forget to lock all the doors before we leave.**mustn't**

14) We stay in a hotel in London; we can stay with my brother.**don't have to**

15) I spend too much money today, as I've only got a little left.**mustn't**

16) They get up early today, because it's Sunday.**don't have to**

17) I eat too much cake or I'll get fat!.**mustn't**

18) We be late for the exam.**mustn't**

19) You tidy up now. I'll do it later.**don't have to**

20) He cook tonight because he's going to a restaurant.**doesn't have to**