

# MODAL VERBS OF ABILITY WORKSHEET

Choose the correct modal verb of ability to fill the gaps in the sentences below.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jay is a 35-year-old man who \_\_\_\_\_ swim. He is eager to learn, though.

A. can't

B. is able to

C. might

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. My little sister was such a prodigy. She \_\_\_\_\_ read and write by the time she turned 5.

A. may

B. wasn't able to

C. could

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. When I'm done with this course, I \_\_\_\_\_ make my own apps.

A. might

B. will be able to

C. could

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Ben was so tired, he \_\_\_\_\_ finish his essay last night.

A. could

B. couldn't

C. was able to

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Please turn the volume up. I \_\_\_\_\_ hear anything.

A. can't

B. will be able to

C. will

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. I was so fit in high school that I \_\_\_\_\_ run a marathon.

A. wasn't able to

B. could

C. might

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. You have to speak up! I \_\_\_\_\_ understand what you're saying!

A. may

B. will be able to

C. can't

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. I \_\_\_\_\_ speak Portuguese very well five years ago, but I haven't practiced since I returned from Brazil.

A. could

B. wasn't able to

C. might

ANSWER KEY:

8.a  
7.c  
6.b  
5.a  
4.b  
3.b  
2.c  
1.a