

## Ability

Choose the correct option to complete the sentence. There may be more than one possibility - decide which sounds best.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ speak a foreign language is always useful when you go abroad.  
a Be able to                      b Being able to                      c Can                      d I can
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ touch my toes since I started drinking beer.  
a can't                      b am not able to                      c couldn't                      d haven't been able to
- 3 You must \_\_\_\_\_ swim if you want to come on the boating holiday with us.  
a can                      b be able to                      c to be able to                      d will be able to
- 4 There was a fire in his office but he \_\_\_\_\_ escape through a window.  
a can                      b could                      c could to                      d was able to
- 5 My grandfather was an excellent athlete. He \_\_\_\_\_ run a mile in just over four minutes.  
a can                      b could                      c couldn't                      d was able to
- 6 The doctor says he will never \_\_\_\_\_ play tennis again after his accident.  
a can                      b could                      c be able to                      d to be able to
- 7 After his car crashed he was so confused that he \_\_\_\_\_ tell the police who he was or where he was going.  
a could                      b couldn't                      c didn't could                      d wasn't able to
- 8 I live alone because I like \_\_\_\_\_ come and go as I please.  
a I can                      b to can                      c being able                      d to be able to
- 9 I had saved up enough money so I \_\_\_\_\_ gone on holiday, but I decided to paint my flat instead.  
a can have                      b was able to                      c could have                      d was able to have
- 10 The police ran after the burglar, but she \_\_\_\_\_ get away from them.  
a was able to                      b could                      c has been able to                      d was being able to