Can modal verb 47.1

make sentences using the words given, the modal verb can, and adding all the necessary elements

1. He .............. not play volleyball since she broke her arm
   could

2. Kate / swim / but / skate / well.

3. … but she .............. to play in a few weeks time.

4. Your father / take photo?

5. If she had run at his fastest she .............. have come third.

6. You / play / the guitar?

7. When I first went to France I .............. write french but I couldn't read it.

8. They/ go/ theatre/tonight

9. When the fog lifts, the bus driver .............. to see the road.

10. You/ not clean/ bedroom/ now

Soluzioni:

(1) could (2) Kate can swim well but she can't skate. (3) will be able (4) Can your father take photo? (5) could (6) Can you play the guitar? (7) could (8) Can they go to the theatre tonight? (9) will be able (10) You can't clean the bedroom now

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Can modal verb 47.2

You are at a friend's flat. You want to make a phone call. ................
Can I use your phone?

You need a rubber. The child sitting next to you has got one. ................

You are in your manager office and you want to discuss something with him. You don't want to stand the whole time ................

You have gone into a café and met your friends. You go over to the table. ................

You had to go to a lesson but you are ill. Your friend went to the lesson and took notes. Next day you see your friend. ................

Soluzioni:

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Complete with can, can't, could, couldn't

1. When Bob was 10, he was a fast runner. He .............. run 100 metres in 11 seconds.  
   Could

2. Afraid I .............. come to your birthday party next Sunday.

3. I'm not in a hurry. I've got a lot of time. I .............. wait.

4. I was feeling sick yesterday. I .............. eat anything.


6. You look tired." "Yes, I .............. sleep last night.

Soluzioni:
(1) Could (2) Can’t (3) Can (4) Couldn’t (5) Can’t (6) Couldn’t

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Can modal verb 47.4

Fill in the gaps with can/could/may/might in their positive and negative forms.

1. Mark ............... play the guitar very well.
   - can

2. If you wish, we ............... go sightseeing.
   - can

3. I ............... tell you that thing because your cell phone was unreachable all the time.
   - couldn't

4. The police ............... be here in a few minutes.
   - may

5. ............... I have a glass of orange juice, please?
   - May

6. I would be glad if I ............... help you.
   - could

7. I don’t think that Mike ............... have stolen the bag, I know him.
   - might

8. This organisation agreed the our nation ............... join it.
   - might

Soluzioni:
(1) can (2) can (3) couldn’t (4) may (5) could (6) could (7) might (8) might