

# COULD – BE ABLE TO

## EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences by using the correct form of *could* or *be able to*.

*e.g. I could run very fast when I was a schoolboy.*

1. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ play football very well some years ago.

2. Jenny was an excellent player but that day Susan \_\_\_\_\_ beat her.

2. Ask me about your problem. I should \_\_\_\_\_  
give you a hand.

3. My secretary \_\_\_\_\_ type 100 words a minute .

4. His father \_\_\_\_\_ speak five languages.

5. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ sing very well and studied to  
become an opera singer.

6. During the flight, the pilot had a heart attack. None of the  
passengers \_\_\_\_\_  
pilot a plane but Mary \_\_\_\_\_ land safely.

7. Did you enjoy the concert? Oh... unfortunately

I \_\_\_\_\_ hear very well.

9. Jodie \_\_\_\_\_ repair cars, so she  
\_\_\_\_\_ start the

engine again after the accident.

10. As a child, Sally \_\_\_\_\_ write with her left  
hand.