

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics>. If both are correct, choose both.*

▶▶ 3.08 Listen and check.

MIKE Hi, Rob. I haven't seen you for ages! What are you doing in the gym?

ROB Trying to get fitter, of course. How are you?

MIKE I'm fine. I always thought you were super-fit because of all your cycling.

ROB Oh that. Well, you know how it is, you get a job, get married ...

MIKE But you (1) *could be / could have been* an Olympic cyclist – you used to be fantastic!

ROB Maybe not that good! Well, I was in a good club, and anyone (2) *could / may* apply to join the teams, but there were people there a lot better than me, and you know, cycling (3) *can / might* be very competitive.

MIKE I'm sure, but it's still a pity. Aren't you cycling at all now?

ROB Oh yeah, just not so intensively. I'm still in a club and I was thinking ... I (4) *might / could* try the Tour de France in a couple of years' time.

MIKE Wow! That would be awesome! It's such a long ...

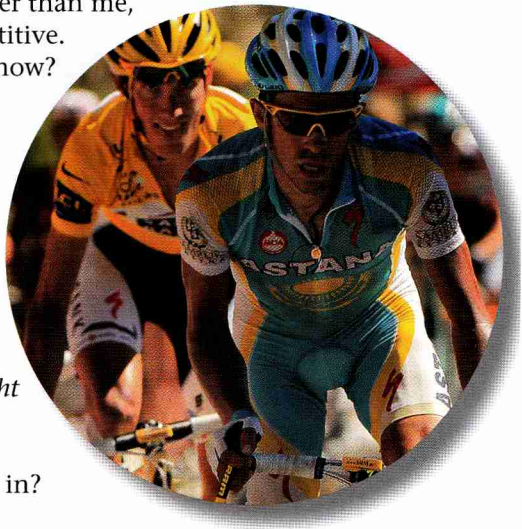
ROB No, no, I certainly (5) *can't / won't* be able to do it all. I (6) *might / could* not even be able to do more than a couple of stages. It's difficult with work and everything.

MIKE Yes, but what an opportunity!

ROB Mmm, if I felt I was fit enough, then I (7) *could / might* ask for some unpaid leave. Anyway, why don't you come along to the club?

MIKE Really? (8) *Do you think they might / Might they* let me in?

ROB It's worth a try. How about next Saturday ...?



2 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use a suitable form of *can, could, may or might*, as in the example.

0 Given some luck, our team has a good chance of winning the final next month.

With any luck *our team might win the final next month*

1 The service in this restaurant is sometimes quite surly.

The service

2 Ten years ago my neighbour offered me his apartment for \$30,000 but I didn't buy it.

Ten years ago I

3 It would be possible to issue the tickets today if you gave us your credit card number.

We

4 When I was at university, it was generally possible for students to have a good lifestyle.

When I was at university,

5 Is it possible that the disparity in the figures is due to a computer error?

Do

6 Perhaps the shuttle bus isn't operating at the moment – it is the low season.

The shuttle bus

7 Perhaps Jim took it; he was in the office all day yesterday.

Jim

8 It's quite possible that my sister will become an opera star – she has a lovely voice.

My sister