

1 GRAMMAR ability and possibility, reflexive pronouns

a Read the sentences. If both forms are correct, tick (✓) the sentence. If only one form is correct, circle the correct form.

- 1 She can / is able to swim really well because she used to live by the sea. ✓
- 2 You need to can / be able to drive to live in the country. ✓
- 3 Luke could / was able to read when he was only three years old. ✓
- 4 If it doesn't rain tomorrow, we can / we'll be able to go for a long walk. ✓
- 5 Sorry, I've been so busy that I haven't could / haven't been able to call until now. ✓
- 6 If Millie had a less demanding job, she could / would be able to enjoy life more. ✓
- 7 I've never could / been able to dance well, but I'd love to learn. ✓
- 8 We're really sorry we couldn't / weren't able to come to your wedding. ✓
- 9 I used to can / used to be able to speak a bit of Polish, but I've forgotten most of it now. ✓
- 10 Can you / Will you be able to pick me up at the station when I arrive? ✓
- 11 To work for this company, you must can / must be able to speak at least three languages. ✓
- 12 I hate not can / not being able to communicate with the local people when I'm travelling. ✓

b Read Karen Cooke's CV. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of *can, could, or be able to*.

- 1 Karen can play the violin.
- 2 She could speak a little Portuguese when she started working in Lisbon.
- 3 She can't speak French.
- 4 She has design websites since 2004.
- 5 She couldn't finish her PhD before she left the USA.
- 6 She'd like to be able to speak Spanish.
- 7 She will speak a little Spanish soon.



Name: Karen Cooke

Date of Birth: 11/03/1985

Qualifications

- Degree in German with Marketing (2008)
- Master's in Business Administration (2011)
- Started PhD in Business (2014) – incomplete

Work Experience

- **2003–2005:** Trainer and Operator with Telefunken, London
- **2008–2014:** Assistant then Marketing Manager, Telefunken, New York, USA
- **2014–present:** Managing Director, JJAM Marketing Services Ltd, Lisbon, Portugal

Other Skills

- IT skills – advanced. Course in web design 2004.
- Full driving licence

Languages

- German (fluent)
- Portuguese (basic) certificate 2013
- I hope to start Spanish classes next January.

Hobbies and Interests

- Music – I play the flute and the violin.

c Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Thanks for inviting me yesterday. I really enjoyed c
- 2 She got the job because she'd prepared g
- 3 Have a great time, you two! I'm sure you'll enjoy e
- 4 My new printer is much better than my old one. It even switches d
- 5 We really wanted to watch the sunrise, so we kept b
- 6 He fell down the stairs, but luckily he didn't hurt a
- 7 They've been saving to buy f

- a himself badly.
- b ourselves awake by listening to music.
- c myself at the concert.
- d itself off when it isn't being used.
- e yourselves at the party.
- f themselves a house since they got married.
- g herself well for the interview.

2 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a 4.2 Listen and complete the sentences.



- 1 She can sing very well.
- 2 I've never been able to ski.
- 3 Can you play the guitar?
- 4 You won't be able to go out tomorrow.
- 5 He hasn't been able to go to school since Monday.
- 6 We can't find the restaunt.

b 4.2 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

3 VOCABULARY -ed / -ing adjectives

a Complete the sentences with the correct adjective in **bold**.



- 1 **amazed / amazing**
Venice is an amazing city. You really must go there one day.
- 2 **embarrassed / embarrassing**
I felt very embarrassed when I realized my mistake.
- 3 **frightened / frightening**
He's frightened of dogs. He can't go anywhere near them.
- 4 **excited / exciting**
The final half of the match was really exciting.
- 5 **bored / boring**
I enjoyed the book, but the film was a bit boring.
- 6 **annoyed / annoying**
I can't stand this quiz show. The presenter is really annoying.
- 7 **depressed / depressing**
I'm fed up with this terrible weather – it's so depressing.
- 8 **disappointed / disappointing**
Max was very dissapointed when he wasn't chosen for the job.
- 9 **tired / tiring**
Everyone was tired after the walk, so nobody felt like going out in the evening.
- 10 **frustrated / frustrating**
I got very frustrated when I couldn't log onto my bank's website.