

Can/be able to

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. ✓

Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 She can sing very well.
- 2 I've _____ been _____ to _____.
- 3 Can you _____ the _____?
- 4 You _____ be _____ to _____.
- 5 He _____ been _____ to _____ to _____.
- 6 We _____ the _____.

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

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 _____ speak a little Portuguese when she started working in Lisbon.
- 3 She _____ speak French.
- 4 She _____ design websites since 2004.
- 5 She _____ finish her PhD before she left the USA.
- 6 She'd like _____ speak Spanish.
- 7 She _____ 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.