# HOMEWORK

INTERMEDIATE - DAY 22

## 1 GRAMMAR *can, could, be able to*



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**Date of Birth:** 23/05/71

**Qualifications:**
- ☐ Degree in German with Marketing (1994)
- ☐ Masters in Business Administration (1999)

**Work Experience:**
- ☐ 1989–1991: Trainee and operator with IBM, London.
- ☐ 1994–2000: Assistant then Marketing Manager, IBM Berlin.
- ☐ 2000–present: Managing Director, DVB Marketing Services Ltd, London.

**Other Skills:**
- ☐ Intermediate computer programming: 1990
- ☐ Typing certificate: 1993
- ☐ Spanish – basic certificate: 2001
- ☐ German (fluent)
- ☐ Driving licence: I will be taking my driving test next month

**Hobbies & Interests:**
- ☐ Sport, especially tennis and badminton
- ☐ Learning languages – I hope to start Russian classes next October

a Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can, could,* or *be able to.*

1 Susan ___*can*___ play badminton.

2 She _____ type when she started working for IBM Berlin.

3 She _____ speak Italian.

4 She _____ write computer programs since at least 1990.

5 She'd like _____ speak Russian.

6 She _____ speak Spanish when she was with IBM London.

7 She _____ drive a car very soon.

b Circle the correct form. If both forms are possible, circle them both.

1 He (can) / (is able to) cook really well because he used to work in a restaurant.

2 To work for this airline you must can / must be able to speak English fluently.

3 I'm really sorry I couldn't / wasn't able to come to your party last Saturday.

4 If it doesn't rain, we can / we'll be able to go to the mountains tomorrow.

5 I've been so busy I haven't could / haven't been able to call him yet.

6 I used to can / used to be able to speak a bit of Russian but I've forgotten it now.

7 If we had a bit more money, we could / would be able to buy a better car.

8 I hate not can / not being able to tell my boss what I really think of him!

9 He could / was able to talk when he was only eighteen months old.

10 Can you / Will you be able to help me tomorrow?

11 I've never could / never been able to dance very well.

12 To live in the country you need to can / be able to drive.

## 2. Reading:

a Can you think of anyone you know or a famous person who has been successful in very difficult circumstances?

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a. Complete the chart:

| | Natalie | Bethany |
|---|---|---|
| 1 How did she lose a limb? | | |
| 2 When did she start her sport again? | | |
| 3 How did she feel? | | |
| 4 What has she achieved since then? | | |
| 5 How does she see her future? | | |

b. Find 5 new words you want to remember

# Never give up




## Natalie, the swimmer who lost a leg

Natalie du Toit, the South African swimmer, was only seventeen when she lost her leg in a road accident. She was going to a training session at the swimming pool on her motorbike when a car hit her. Her leg had to be amputated at the knee. At the time she was one of South Africa's most promising young swimmers. Everybody thought that she would never be able to swim competitively again.

But Natalie was determined to carry on. She went back into the pool only three months after the accident. And just one year later, at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, she swam 800 metres in 9 minutes 11.38 seconds and qualified for the final – but not for disabled swimmers, for able-bodied ones! Although she didn't win a medal, she still made history.

'I remember how thrilled I was the first time that I swam after recovering from the operation – it felt like my leg was there. It still does,' says Natalie. 'The water is the gift that gives me back my leg. I'm still the same person I was before the accident. I believe everything happens in life for a reason. You can't go back and change anything. Swimming was my life and still is. My dream is to swim faster than I did before the accident.'

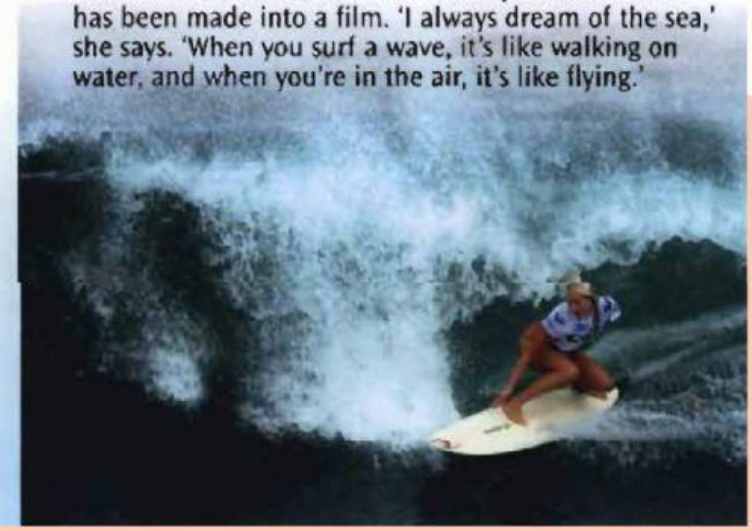
## Bethany, the surfer who lost an arm

Bethany Hamilton was the best girl surfer of her age when she lost an arm in a shark attack. She was only thirteen years old and was surfing in Hawaii when a tiger shark attacked her and tore off her left arm. It happened so fast she didn't even scream.

But Bethany was determined to get back on a surf board as soon as possible. As soon as she left hospital, she began practising her surfing exercises on the beach. Everyone was amazed to see her surfing so soon after her accident. Incredibly, she finished 5th at the National Surfing Championships.

'The first time I went back into the sea I was so happy I cried,' she said. 'It was easier than I thought. But obviously it's much more difficult than with both arms, and I have to accept I'll probably never be world champion, which used to be my dream.'

Since then Bethany has signed a contract with Rip Curl, and has written a book about her experiences which has been made into a film. 'I always dream of the sea,' she says. 'When you surf a wave, it's like walking on water, and when you're in the air, it's like flying.'



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