

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 was able to speak French.
- 4 She has been able to design websites since 2004.
- 5 She was able to finish her PhD before she left the USA.
- 6 She'd like to be able to speak Spanish.
- 7 She will be able to 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 ____
- 3 Have a great time, you two! I'm sure you'll enjoy ____
- 4 My new printer is much better than my old one. It even switches ____
- 5 We really wanted to watch the sunrise, so we kept ____
- 6 He fell down the stairs, but luckily he didn't hurt ____
- 7 They've been saving to buy ____

- 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 _____ been _____ to _____.
- 3 Can you _____ the _____?
- 4 You _____ be _____
to _____.
- 5 He _____ been _____ to _____
to _____.
- 6 We _____ the _____.

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

b Complete the sentences with the -ed or -ing form of the verbs from the list.

amaze annoy bore depress disappoint
embarrass excite frighten frustrate tire

- 1 I'm really annoyed with my brother – it makes me so angry when he forgets my birthday!
- 2 My sister can't swim. She's _____ of the water.
- 3 Looking after small children can be very _____. They have a lot of energy.
- 4 I was very _____ when my phone rang in the meeting. I could feel my face going red.
- 5 His exam results were very _____. He failed every subject.
- 6 I'm really _____ about going to Italy. It's the first time I've been abroad!
- 7 This programme is really _____. Can we watch something more interesting?
- 8 I always feel _____ at the end of a holiday. Sometimes I'm unhappy for days!
- 9 She tried for ages to get back onto the surfboard, but in the end she got _____ and gave up.
- 10 We took lots of photos because the view was so _____.



c Write true sentences about you using the words in bold.

1 **annoying**

My little brother is sometimes very annoying.

2 **bored**

3 **amazing**

4 **exciting**

5 **frightened**

6 **disappointed**

7 **frustrating**

8 **embarrassed**

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