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 _____ 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.

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