

Ability

Fill in each blank using *can*, *could* or *be able to* in the correct form or tense.

- 1 _____ speak a foreign language is very useful when you go abroad.
- 2 I _____ touch my toes since I started drinking beer.
- 3 You must _____ swim if you want to come on the boating holiday with us.
- 4 There was a fire in the office but he _____ escape through a window.
- 5 My grandfather was an excellent athlete; he _____ run a mile in just over four minutes.
- 6 The doctor says he _____ play tennis again after his accident.
- 7 After his car had crashed, he was so confused that he _____ tell the police who he was or where he was going.
- 8 I like living alone because I like _____ come and go as I please.
- 9 I had saved up enough money so I _____ gone on holiday, but I decided to paint my flat instead.
- 10 The police ran after the burglar, but she _____ get away from them.
- 11 I _____ speak Spanish now that I have been living here for years, but I _____ speak a word when I arrived.
- 12 I've been ringing him all day, but I _____ get through yet.