



Modals – could and couldn't – ANSWERS

1. True or False.

Read and circle True or False.



When I was a baby I **couldn't** speak, but now I can speak my language and English! When I was smaller I **could** sleep all day, but now I can't: I have to go to school! Now I can watch television and understand what it's saying, but when I was younger that was impossible – I **couldn't** understand very much!

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| a. When he was a baby he couldn't speak. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| b. Now he can speak 5 languages. | <input type="radio"/> True | <input checked="" type="radio"/> False |
| c. Now he can sleep all day. | <input type="radio"/> True | <input checked="" type="radio"/> False |
| d. When he was younger he couldn't understand very much on TV. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| e. Now he can't understand what the television is saying. | <input type="radio"/> True | <input checked="" type="radio"/> False |

2. Where does it go? Children complete the table



3. What's the order?

Put the words in the correct order.

- a. swim was I I five when could

When I was five I could swim. or I could swim when I was five.

- b. was play I when chess six could I

When I was six I could play chess. (or I could play chess when I was six.)

- c. I six when couldn't I was read

When I was six I couldn't read. (or I couldn't read when I was six.)

- d. when speak were you five could you English

Could you speak English when you were five? (or When you were five could you speak English?)

- e. two when sister could was my she walk

When she was two my sister could walk. (or My sister could walk when she was two).

- f. could my was ten when brother he judo do

When he was ten my brother could do judo. (or My brother could do judo when he was ten).

4. Draw a picture.

Children complete with their own ideas.