



# Modals – could and couldn't

## 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.                       | <u>True</u> | False |
| b. Now he can speak 5 languages.                               | True        | False |
| c. Now he can sleep all day.                                   | True        | False |
| d. When he was younger he couldn't understand very much on TV. | True        | False |
| e. Now he can't understand what the television is saying.      | True        | False |



We can use **could** and **couldn't** to talk about abilities in the past.

## 2. Where does it go?

Write these words in the correct group so that it is true for you.



play football	read	play chess	swim	spek English	run quickly
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When I was five I could...	When I was five I couldn't...



### 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

c. I six when couldn't I was read

d. when speak were you five could you English

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e. two when sister could was my she walk

f. could my was ten when brother he judo do

### 4. Draw a picture.



What could you do when you were 5? Draw a picture and write sentences!

*When I was 5 .....*

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