

Could and Wouldn't



Grammar Tips

Could and **couldn't** are the past tense form of **can** and **can't**.

We use **could** to mean that we were able to do something in the past.

We use **couldn't** to mean that we weren't able to do something in the past.

- We **could** walk around the park yesterday morning as it was not raining.
- We **couldn't** jog at 6 p.m. yesterday as it began to pour.

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For more practices on *could* or *couldn't* refer to Pulse 2, Pg 25

D Complete the following sentences with *could* or *couldn't*.

1. When I was young, I _____ swim as I was very afraid of water.
2. Zaleha _____ write the essay so she asked the teacher for help.
3. At 93, Joe's grandfather _____ drive a car as he was still very fit.
4. May _____ join us for the party as she was away on holiday.
5. Zahid _____ play the piano when he was young because he was naturally talented at it.
6. Suresh _____ play chess well so he lost to Rashid.

Was and Were



Grammar Tips

We use the verb to be **was** and **were** to show the status or characteristics of something or someone.

Past Simple

I was
happy.

You were
happy.

He/She
was happy.

We were all
happy.

It was
happy.

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E Complete the following sentences with *was* or *were*.

1. What _____ you doing yesterday at 5 p.m.?
2. I _____ asleep at that time.
3. The books _____ on the table when I left.
4. My father's car _____ in perfect condition last night.
5. The teacher _____ unhappy with my essay so I had to rewrite it.
6. Many books _____ on sale at the book fair.
7. Mr and Mrs Mah _____ at home when the fire broke out.
8. _____ she your primary school teacher?