

## What I couldn't do then but now I can.

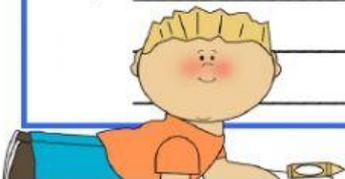
1. When I was a baby I couldn't talk, but I could sleep 12 hours a day.
2. Before I went to school I couldn't read or write, but I could speak English.
3. When I visited Barcelona I couldn't understand what people were saying because I couldn't speak Spanish.
4. When I was 3 years old I couldn't ride a bike, but now I can ride a bike and a horse!
5. When I was 5 years old I couldn't use a computer, now that I am 7 I can use a computer and an iPhone.
6. When I was young I couldn't play football, but now I can score lots of goals.
7. When I was in first of Primary I couldn't swim very well, but now I can swim long distances.



What things couldn't you do in the past but you can now? Write 7 sentences about it.



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I. - FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH “**COULD**” OR “**COULD NOT**”

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1. When I was young, \_\_\_\_\_ play the guitar: it was too difficult for me!
2. Her grandmother was bilingual: she \_\_\_\_\_ speak both English and Spanish.
3. Yesterday, Peter \_\_\_\_\_ do that exercise alone. So, he called me for help.
4. In 1950, people \_\_\_\_\_ use mobile phones.
5. When his mother was young, she \_\_\_\_\_ skate but she can't do it any longer.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ open the door: it was locked from the inside!
7. In 1900, people \_\_\_\_\_ watch TV.
8. Mary's grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ play chess and he was the best!
9. In 1945, people \_\_\_\_\_ play video games.
10. But they \_\_\_\_\_ play chess!
11. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ play tennis last Monday: he had broken his arm!
12. She \_\_\_\_\_ watch a horror film: it was too frightening for her!
13. Last Sunday, we \_\_\_\_\_ take any photos in the museum: it was forbidden.
14. Mozart \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano when he was 5.

## 1. Fill in the gaps with **COULD** or **COULDN'T**

1. When I was five years old I ..... speak English (negative)

2. When she was ten years old she ..... dance . (affirmative)

3. I ..... climb trees when I was 7 years old. (affirmative)

4. What ..... you do when you were seven ? ( question)

5. .... he ride a bike when he was three ? (question)

6. When I was only one I ..... (negative) walk but I ..... (affirmative) climb trees.

7. When they were ten the ..... (affirmative) use a computer but they ..... (negative) tell the time.

8. .... they swim when were five? (question)

9. My mother ..... run when she was four. (affirmative)

10. .... your brother write his name when he was eight ? (question)