

Navigate Elementary WB Unit 5.1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can/could* and the verb in (brackets).

Now and Then

- 1 People couldn't pay (not pay) for things with credit cards before 1958, but they could pay (pay) with cash.
Today you _____ (buy) things with cash or credit cards in most shops, but you _____ (not use) cash to pay for things online.
- 2 Now you _____ (get) money from cash machines around the world or you _____ (go) into a bank.
Before 1967, you _____ (get) money from your bank but you _____ (not take) money from a cash machine.
- 3 Before 1994, you _____ (get) a computer and use the internet, but you _____ (not shop) online.
Today there are some things that you _____ (not do) online – have a haircut, for example – but you _____ (find) most things that you need.
- 4 You _____ (have) a colour TV in 1953, but you _____ (not watch) a TV programme in colour.
The first colour TV programme was in 1954!
Today we _____ (enjoy) thousands of colour TV programmes from around the world. Most of today's young people _____ (not remember) black and white TV.
- 5 Before 1994 people _____ (eat) a meal in an English restaurant on Sundays, but they _____ (not buy) food from an English supermarket.
Today most supermarkets in the United Kingdom open seven days a week and they offer online shopping. When you _____ (not go) to the supermarket, you _____ (visit) their online store.

Rewrite the sentences as questions using *can/could*. Then complete the answers.

- 1 You could get cash from machines in the 1980s.

Could you get cash from machines in the 1980s?

Yes, you could.

- 2 He can visit the museum on Sunday.

_____, he _____.

- 3 I can book the plane tickets online.

_____, I _____.

- 4 We can't park in the centre of the town.

_____, we _____.

- 5 People couldn't shop online in the 1980s.

_____, they _____.

- 6 Children could play outside in the past.

_____, they _____.