

# Abilities: Could / Couldn't

## I. Choose the best option to complete the sentences.

When I was a toddler, I could / couldn't read books.



When Henry was a kid, he could / couldn't ride a bike, but now he can.



When Ben was a kid, he could / couldn't use a computer, but now he can.



When my mom was younger, she could / couldn't sing well, but now she can't.



Harvey could / couldn't play soccer and he was the best.



When Jason was a kid, he could / couldn't drink coffee.



My grandpa could / couldn't cook when he was young, but now he can.



My grandma was bilingual. She could / couldn't speak both English and Spanish.



## II. People in the past...

In 1900, people could / couldn't send e-mails.

In 1920, people could / couldn't watch TV.

In 1940, people could / couldn't play videogames.

In 1960, people could / couldn't smoke nearly everywhere.

In 1970, people could / couldn't surf the internet.