

Exercise 5

COMPLETE THE STORY

Complete the story by using *can*, *can't*, *could*, or *couldn't* with the verbs below the blanks. Remember that *can* and *can't* are **present** modals of ability and *could* and *couldn't* are **past** modals of ability.

Then and Now

A lot has changed in the last 100 years. In the past, most people _____ because cars
1. drive, not
were new technology and expensive. Many people _____ these days because cars are
2. drive
common and more affordable. Most people also _____ because there weren't many
3. fly, not
airplanes around 100 years ago. Now we _____ almost anywhere in the world!
4. fly

Most people _____ a computer 100 years ago, but they probably
5. use, not
_____ a telephone. Nowadays, most people _____
6. use 7. look up
anything they want on their computers and cellphones. People _____ their phones
8. use
to make calls, send text messages, play games, and take pictures. But they _____
9. travel, not
through time. Maybe one day time travel will be something that everyone _____ !
10. do