

# Could - couldn't

## Can -can't

1. Read, look and fill in the blanks

Can can't could couldn't



Ian, age 2



Ian, age 5



Ian, age 9

When Ian was two years old, he loved watching soccer games, but he \_\_\_\_\_ kick a soccer ball at all. When he was five, he \_\_\_\_\_

Play soccer on a team. But he still \_\_\_\_\_ kick the soccer ball very far. Then one day, his soccer coach said "Ian, you \_\_\_\_\_

Kick very well. But \_\_\_\_\_ you catch the ball with your hands?  
\_\_\_\_\_ you be our goalie?"

Now, at age nine, Ian still \_\_\_\_\_ kick a soccer ball very far. But he is a great goalie! He \_\_\_\_\_ reach high and low to catch the ball with his hands.

2. Read the chart and answer the questions

✓ = has the ability

X = doesn't have the ability

	Age 3	Age 9 (now)
Swimming in a pool	✓	✓
Jumping off the diving board	X	✓

1. Could Benis swim when she was three? \_\_\_\_\_
2. At age three, could Benis jump off the diving board? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Can Benis jump off the diving board now that she is nine? \_\_\_\_\_