

PAST MODALS

GRAMMAR PRACTICE



1 Fill in could/couldn't or had to/didn't have to

- a. I _____ (revise) a lot for the French test. I forgot everything.
- b. The museum was free. We _____ (pay) to see Ötzi.
- c. I _____ (speak) English when I was three.
- d. Sweet Sue's grandfather was a millionaire. He _____ (go) to work.
- e. I _____ (go) to the cinema because I was sick.
- f. I _____ (be) very nice whole year, because I wanted a new Iphone from Santa.
- g. She _____ (make) a lot of videos in order to be this popular on TikTok.
- h. I _____ (watch) a lot series on Netflix as it was autumn break.
- i. Smart Alec _____ (enter) Tesco because he left his mask in the office. 
- j. I _____ (delete) my Facebook account. I recieved so many rude messages.
- k. I _____ (pay) a lot for this coat. There was a huge sale at H&M.
- l. Marilyn Monroe was so beautiful. I _____ (take) my eye off her.
- m. Peter _____ (solve) the exercise on his own. He didn't call me for help.

2 Read and circle true or false for these sentences.



When I was a baby I **couldn't** do anything, but I learned very fast. I **could** read when I was four and I **could** swim when I was five. My parents **couldn't** speak English when they were young but now I'm helping them learn!



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| a. She couldn't do anything when she was a baby. | <u>true</u> | false |
| b. She could read when she was two. | true | false |
| c. She could swim when she was four. | true | false |
| d. Her parents couldn't speak English when they were young. | true | false |
| e. She's helping her brother learn English. | true | false |

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When Robert was young he _____ swim very well.



A: What did you do on Saturday?

B: I _____ clean my room.



I can't sing now but I _____ sing very well when I was a child.



My room was clean. I _____ clean it yesterday.



You _____ wear a helmet when you rode a bike.



Yesterday Mary was not busy with her work, so she
_____ go to the Café.