

could/ couldn't

4 ☆☆☆ Complete the sentences with **could** or **couldn't** and the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Actor Angelina Jolie could fly (fly) a plane when she was 29.
- 2 Helen Keller was an American writer and teacher. She _____ (not see) and she _____ (not hear), but she got a university degree.
- 3 Isaac Asimov was a writer of science fiction books. He _____ (write) several books at the same time.
- 4 Artists Vincent van Gogh and Paul Cézanne _____ (not paint) until they were in their 20s.
- 5 One of the world's best tennis players, Simona Halep, _____ (play) tennis well when she was only four years old.
- 6 Albert Einstein _____ (not talk) when he was three and he _____ (not read) when he was eight.

Past time expressions

5 ☆☆☆ Rewrite the underlined past time expressions with the words in the box.

in July in the 21st century last night
~~seven days ago~~ the day before yesterday
when I was eight

- 1 It was really cold last week.
seven days ago
- 2 My keys were on the kitchen table two days ago.

- 3 I'm now 14. I could speak English six years ago.

- 4 There wasn't anything on TV yesterday at 9pm.

- 5 I was born in 2007.

- 6 My dad couldn't use social media last summer.
