

Can / Can't – Could / Couldn't

c Fill in the gaps in these questions and short answers with *can*, *can't*, *could* or *couldn't*.

- 1 A Can you watch TV online?
B Yes, you _____. / No, you _____.
- 2 A _____ you record programmes in 1974?
B Yes, you _____. / No, you _____.

a Read about mobile phones. Fill in the gaps with *can*, *can't*, *could* or *couldn't*.

Motorola launched the first mobile phone in 1983, but you ¹ could (+) only use it in a car because it needed a big battery. A few years later you ² _____ (+) buy a mobile that you ³ _____ (+) take to work – but it was in a suitcase!

In the early nineties you ⁴ _____ (+) buy a small mobile for \$200, but you ⁵ _____ (-) send texts until 1995. The BlackBerry, launched in 1999, was one of the first phones you ⁶ _____ (+) use to go online. And you ⁷ _____ (-) buy a mobile with a camera in Europe until 2002.

These days most people ⁸ _____ (-) leave home without their mobile. You ⁹ _____ (+) use your phone to go online, make video calls and find your way with GPS. You ¹⁰ _____ (+) also download apps, watch TV programmes or play games. But a lot of people still ¹¹ _____ (-) remember to charge their phone or turn it off in the cinema!

