



**Task 1. Choose the correct options to complete the article.**

A few years ago you could drive to the centre of an American town, look at what was in the shops, get help from a shop assistant, and pay for things with *cash / sales*. Today there are small food shops in some town centres, but most people don't buy their meat from a local *newsagent's / butcher's*, their daily newspaper from the local *newsagent's / discount* or their bread from the local *baker's / shopping* centre. They prefer to *spend / cash* their money in big supermarkets or *sales / shopping* centres, or they shop from home.

Now people do more and more shopping *centres / online*. In 2012, it was 22% of food shopping and 37% of shopping for clothes, but every year it's more. Around 71% of American men and 66% of American women shop on the internet. It's very easy to find big *cash / discounts* and save money. You don't need to stand outside and wait for shops to open in the *sales / discounts*, and you can *return / spend* things that you don't like.

**Task 2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of can/could and the verb in (brackets).**

1. People \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) for things with credit cards before 1958, but they \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) with cash.

Today you \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) things with cash or credit cards in most shops, but you \_\_\_\_\_ (not use) cash to pay for things online.

2. Now you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) money from cash machines around the world or you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) into a bank.

Before 1967, you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) money from your bank but you \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) money from a cash machine.

3. Before 1994, you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a computer and use the internet, but you \_\_\_\_\_ (not shop) online.

Today there are some things that you \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) online - have a haircut, for example - but you \_\_\_\_\_ (find) most things that you need.

4. You \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a colour TV in 1953, but you \_\_\_\_\_ (not watch) a TV programme in colour. The first colour TV programme was in 1954!

Today we \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) thousands of colour TV programmes from around the world. Most of today's young people \_\_\_\_\_ (not remember) black and white TV.

5. Before 1994 people \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) a meal in an English restaurant on Sundays, but they \_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) food from an English supermarket. Today most supermarkets in the United Kingdom open seven days a week and they offer online shopping. When you \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to the supermarket, you \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) their online store.

**Task 3. Rewrite the sentences as questions using can/could. Then complete the answers.**

1. You could get a cash from machines in the 1980s.

\_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He can visit the museum on Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I can book the plane tickets online.

\_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_.

4. We can't park in the centre of the town.

\_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_.

5. People couldn't shop online in the 1980s.

\_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Children could play outside in the past.

\_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 4. Correct the sentences. Write the correct version of the sentence.**

1. Can you buys bread at the newsagent's?

\_\_\_\_\_.  
2. Could people spending euros in 1995?

3. A Can you do this exercise?

B Yes, I can do.

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

4. You can't use the internet in 1975.

5. You can't go swim in the sea - it's dangerous.

6. People could buy most things online now.