



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!



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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.

