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What makes your community special?

Grammar: could/couldn't for Ability with when



Interesting People ...

My name's Evan, and I live in small town with lots of interesting people. Let's meet some of them.

This is Sally. She's a cook. When she was 17, she couldn't cook, so she went to school to learn. It was far away, but that was OK. She could drive.



My neighbor Julie is very smart. When she was four, she could read and write. She couldn't draw, though.

This is me and my best friend, Scott. We love sports. When we were five, we could ride our bikes, but we couldn't rollerblade. Now we can do both.



This is Tim. He owns a bike store. When he was 19, he could fix bikes. He could ride bikes fast, too, and he won a lot of competitions. However, he wasn't very good with cars. He couldn't fix them. He still can't!





- Read the poster. Why are the people interesting?
- Read again. Complete the sentences.
 - a When Sally was 17, she <u>couldn't</u> cook, but she ____ drive.
 - b When Tim was 19, he _____ fix a car, but he _____ fix bikes.
 - c Julie read and write when she was four.
 - d When Evan and Scott were five, they _____ ride bikes, but they rollerblade.

Grammar: could/couldn't for Ability with when

We use could and couldn't to talk about ability in the past.

When Tony was four, he couldn't skateboard. When Tony was eight, he could rollerblade very well.



Could Jenny ride a bike when she was three? No, she couldn't.

Could she swim?

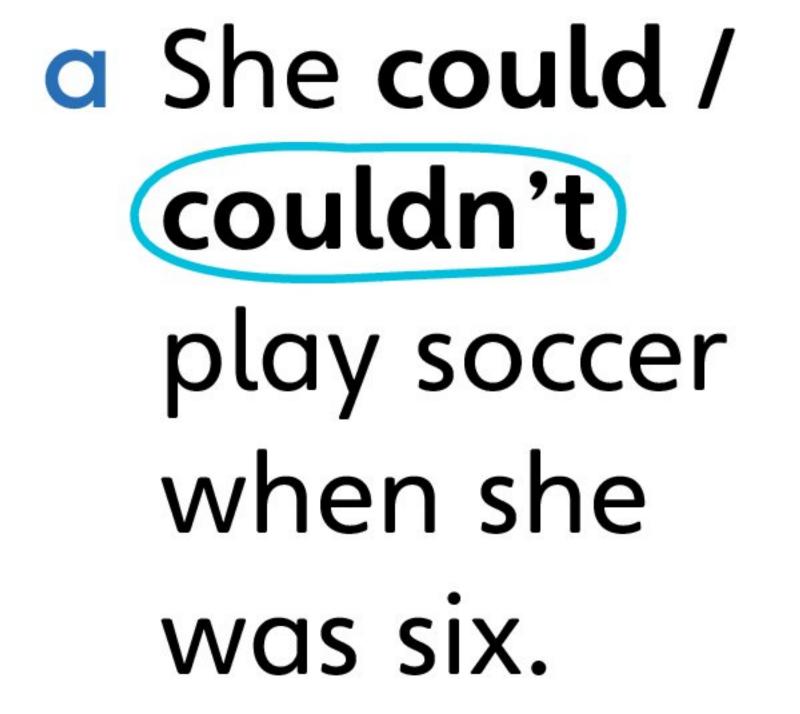
Yes, she could.

Remember

We use the base form of the verb after could and couldn't.

Look and read. Choose the correct words.







b He could /
couldn't
skateboard
when he was
young.



c When they were six, they could / couldn't play basketball.



d When Dina was five, she could / couldn't rollerblade.



e When Pete was young, he could / couldn't ride a bike.

Look at the table and complete the paragraph with could and couldn't.

	Saran	Dan
Draw		
Write		
Read a Book		
Speak English		

Sarah is my younger sister. When she was	four,
she 1 could draw, but she	
2 write. She 3	
read a book, but she 4	speak English.
Dan is my best friend. When he was four,	he
5 draw, but he 6	
read and write. He 7	speak English.



Read and complete the questions. Then, match to the answers.

	swim run	cook rollerblade read	
1	Could Sam run	fast when he was four?	a
2	Could you	dinner when you were six?	
3	Could Sally	a book when she was six?	
4	Could Billy and Penny	when they were seven?	
5	Could we	when we were babies?	
	a Yes, he could.	Yes, they could. e No, we cou	uldn't.
	b No, she couldn't.	No, I couldn't.	
Lo	ok. Answer the questions.		
a	Could Joe rollerblade? No	, he couldn't	

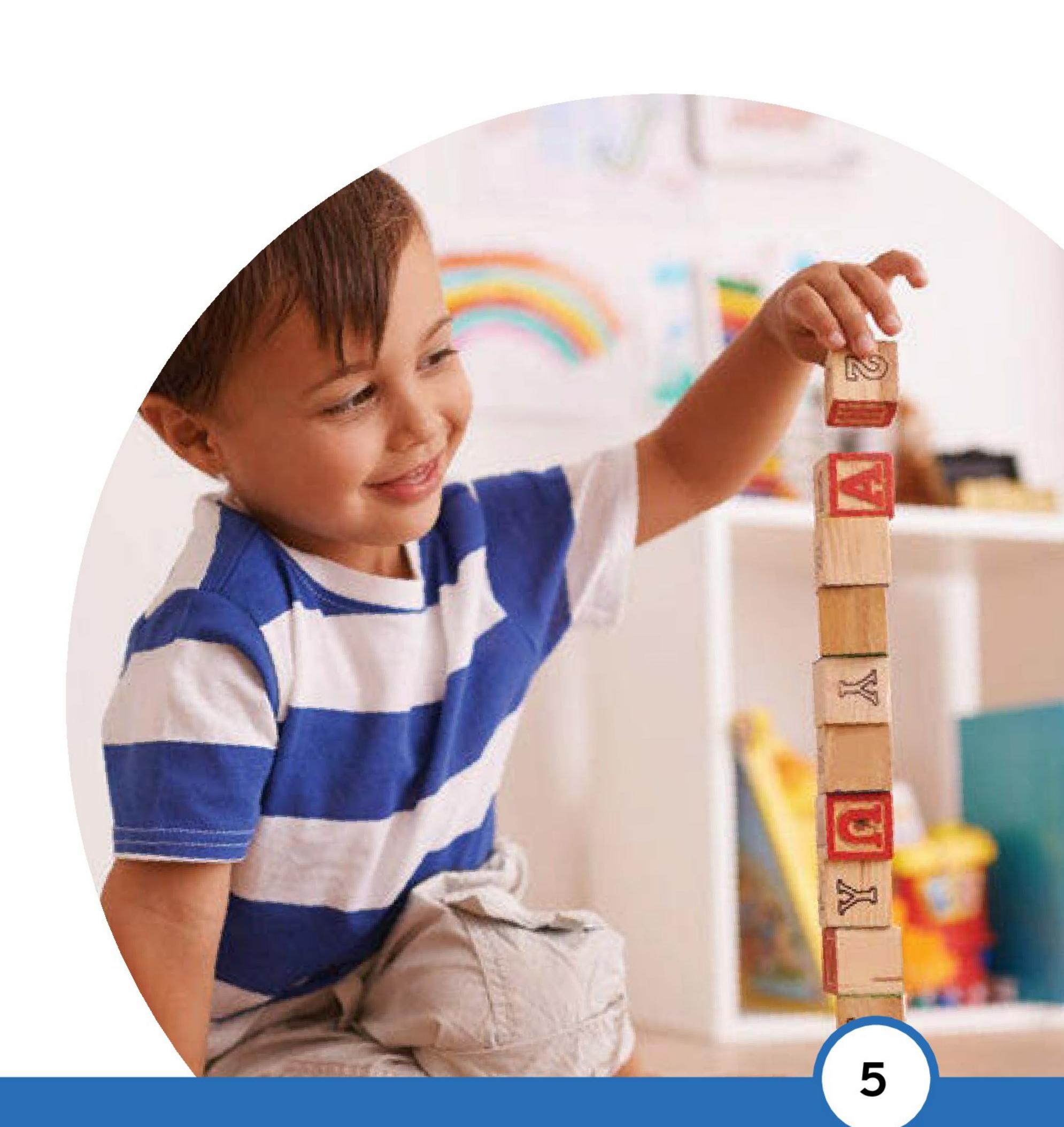
a Could Joe rollerblade? No, he couldn't b Could Tanya ride a bike? c Could they play tennis? d Could they jump rope?

- e Could he play basketball?
- f Could the baby girl walk?



Complete the sentences about you.

- a When I was four, I could _____ but I couldn't
- b When I was
- c Now I can ______,
 but I can't







My Town: Patras—Old and New

Patras is an ancient city in southern Greece.

Twenty years ago, Patras was very different. There weren't any parks, and people didn't have anywhere to go for a walk. People didn't ride bikes, and children stayed indoors. The ocean was very dirty. People had to go far from town when they wanted to go to the beach.

Today, there is a big park where I ride my bike. People walk in the park and have picnics there, too. The ocean isn't dirty anymore. In the summer, my friends and I always swim in the ocean near the center of town. We don't have to travel to beaches far away.

I'm at the park now and I'm waiting for my friends. Many people from our town are here. We are getting ready to ride our bikes through the park and down to the beach.



- Read the blog. How has the city changed?
- Read the sentences. Write past, present, or right now.
 - a People didn't ride bikes, and children played indoors.
 - b We are getting ready to ride our bikes.
 - c People walk in the park and have picnics, too.



Grammar: Tense Review

We use the present simple to talk about events that happen every day, things in general, or facts.

We use the present progressive to talk about actions happening right now.

We use the past simple to talk about events that happened yesterday, last week, last year, or a long time ago.

	Affirmative	Negative	Questions	Short answers
Present Simple	We listen to music. It works.	They don't watch TV. He doesn't play soccer.	Do you ride a bike? Does she like tennis?	Yes, I do. No, I don't. Yes, she does. No, she doesn't.
	I am swimming in the ocean. She is sitting in the park. You are playing tennis.	home. He isn't doing his homework.	the show? Is he going to the park? Are we reading	Yes, I am. No, I'm not. Yes, he is. No, he isn't. Yes, we are. No, we aren't.
Past Simple	They visited their cousins.	I didn't talk to him.	Did he ask a question?	Yes, he did. No, he didn't.

3	Read the sentences and underline the verbs.
	Then, match to the correct tense.

- Joe came home early last night.
- 2 I don't watch TV every day.
- 3 Paul is walking the dog now.
- 4 Does Tony study in the evenings?
 - a present simple
- b present progressive
- c past simple

Spelling Rule

With many verbs, we form the past simple by adding -ed.

These are called *regular verbs*.

play ->> played

The past simple of irregular verbs doesn't have the + -ed ending.

swim ---> swam

 $qo \longrightarrow went$

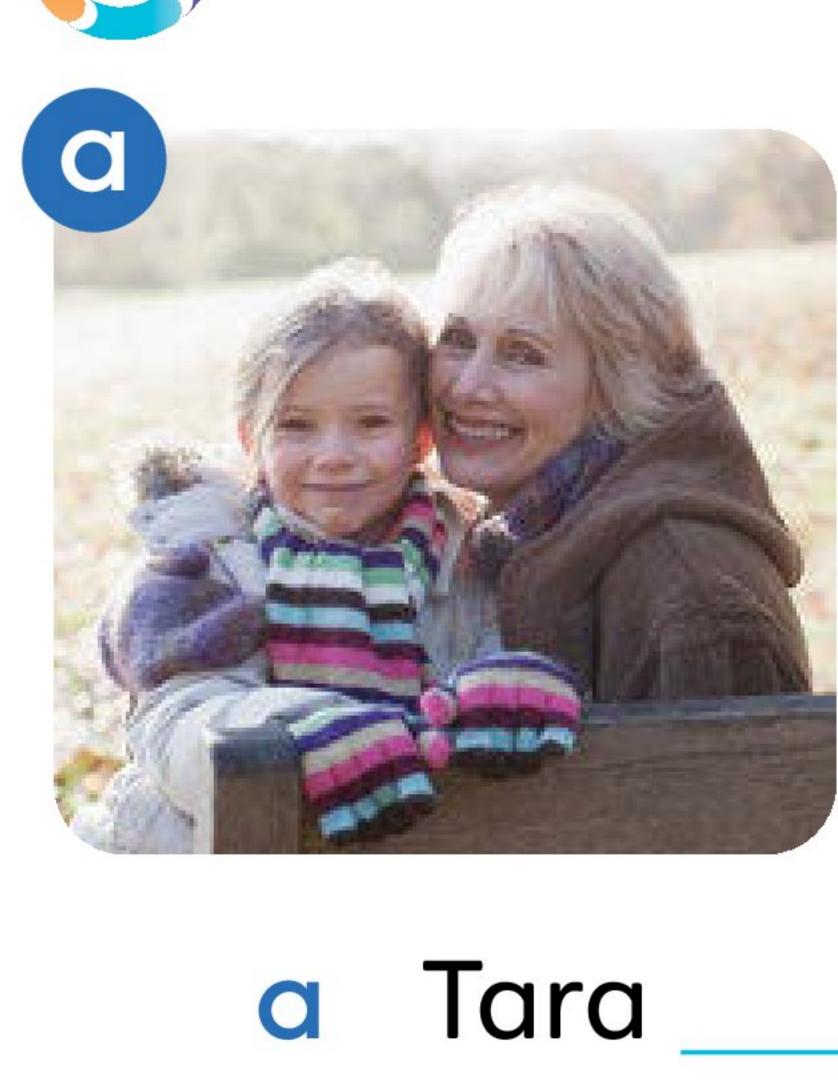
have \longrightarrow had

Read and choose the correct words.

- a We always are having / have a big breakfast on Sunday.
- b Do you write / Are you writing a letter at the moment?
- c Laura doesn't see / didn't see her friends last weekend.
- d Ben and Tom came / come to soccer practice early yesterday.

Look at the pictures. Then, complete the sentences.

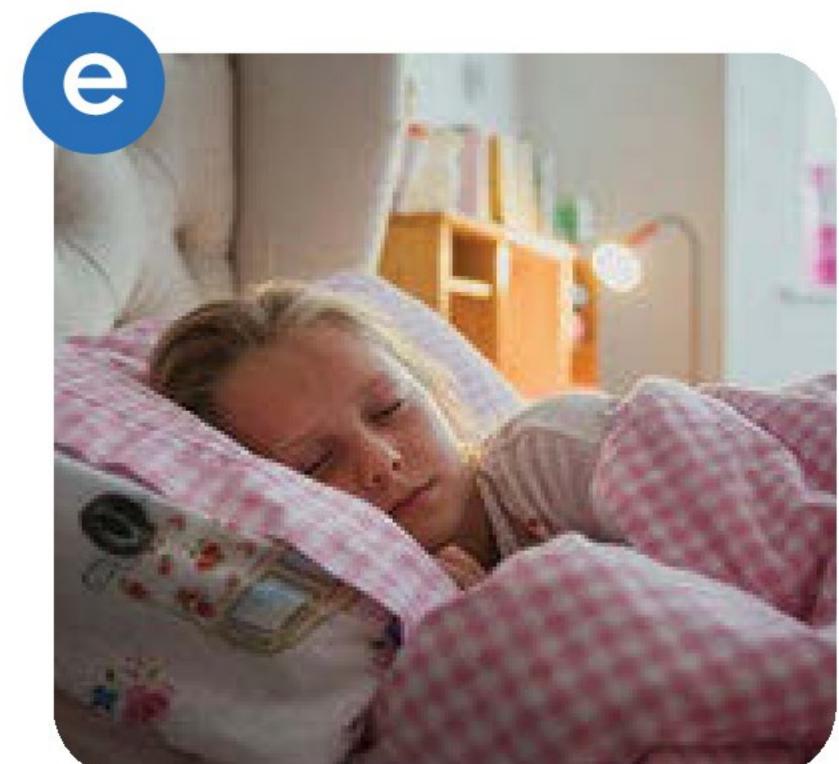
c Yesterday, ____











C	Tara <u>visited</u>	her grandmother last week. (visit)
C	Jo and his family	to the beach now. (drive)
C	The dog	the cat at the moment. (not chase)
C	They usually	a kite in the park. (fly)
E	Sarah	computer games last night. (not play)
R	Rewrite the sentences in	the affirmative, negative, or question form.
C	We have piano lesson ** We don't have pian	ns every Tuesday. Lo lessons every Tuesday.
	Is Dad working now?	
	They saw the new mo	ovie last week.
C	Does Mary swim in th	ne ocean?
	They played tennis ye	esterday.
f	John walks to school ?	every morning.
	Complete the sentences	about you.
C	I always	•
	At the moment,	