



**Modals - could
and couldn't**

"I could swim."



Examples

*I **could** swim when I was four.*

*I **couldn't** ride a bike when I was three.*

Remember!

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

*She **could** play chess when she was seven.*

*I **couldn't** run when I was a baby.*

Be careful!

After 'could' and 'couldn't' we use the infinitive without 'to'.

*I could **make** a cake when I was six.*

*My mum couldn't **swim** when she was a child.*



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Examples

Write your own examples.

Remember!

*Don't look at the reference card!
Can you remember?*

She _____ play chess when she was seven.

I _____ when I was a baby.

Writing practice.

Write a short text using 'could' and 'couldn't'.
