

ABILITY

















I can do something

I know how to do it. It is possible for me to do it.

I could do something

In the past I knew how to do it. It was possible for me to do it.

Use the words **can** **can't** **could** **couldn't** to complete the sentences .

- a.  Bob swim but he when he was two years old..
- b.  Steve's younger sister surf, but he .
- c.  Last week it was sunny and we go swimming, but this week  we .
- c.  Russel play the violin, but he play the piano.
- d.  Seaturtles swim, but they fly.
- e.  Tony cook now, but he  before taking cooking classes.
- f.  Snails jump, but  frogs .
- g.  Kimi dance with fans, but she dance  samba.
- h.  Hippos fly, but they swim.
- i.  Joe whistle at all. Now he .
- j.  Lisa play baseball, but she when she was three.
- k.  Mary was so busy that she accept the invitation to go out.

Use the correct form of "can" to complete each of these sentences:

1. I sleep last night. It was so hot!
2. When I was five or six, I do a handstand, but I now.
3. My late grandfather speak French and my father say a few words of Spanish. I speak anything but English.
4. We're having a dinner party next Saturday, but Roger come.
5. When I met Darren last year, he swim. He was terrified of the water. Now he swim like a fish!
6. I finish my lunch today. I just wasn't hungry at all.
7. There are so many different ice creams to choose from. I decide. You choose for me.
8. I find Ben and then I found him in the garden. Now I find him again. He keeps disappearing!