

- 12 Read about Liam's grandparents.
Write the words.

can couldn't ride sing speak swim use was writes

My grandparents

When Grandad ¹ was a boy he
could ² a motorbike. He
³ drive but he can drive now.
Grandma could ⁴ English when
she was a girl. She couldn't ⁵ a
computer but she can now. She ⁶
emails every day. Grandad couldn't ⁷
when he was a boy but he ⁸ now.
He swims with his friends once a week.



LOOK!

Use *couldn't* and *can* to contrast the past and present.
When I was six, I *couldn't* roller-skate but I *can* roller-skate now.

- 13 Write about Liam's grandparents. Use *could*, *couldn't* and *can*.

- When he was a boy, Grandad could ride a motorbike.
- Grandad couldn't drive but he can drive now.
- When she was a girl, Grandma _____.
- Grandma couldn't _____ but _____ now.
- Grandad _____ when he was a boy.
- He _____ now.

11 Put these words in order.



1 could / Grandma / English / speak

Grandma could speak English.

2 a / Grandma / computer / couldn't / use

3 computer / now / can / a / She / use

4 couldn't / motorbike / Grandad / a / ride

5 drive / Grandad / a / car / couldn't

6 a / car / now / drive / He / can



12 Write about your grandparents in the past and now.

drive a car play the piano ride a bike roller-skate
skate use a mobile phone write emails

When she was a girl, my grandma _____
