Could / Was and Were Able To

Could: capacidad general en el pasado

Could dice lo que alguien sabía o podía hacer antes. Mia could swim significa «Mia sabía nadar». No cambia con la persona y el verbo va sin to ni -s. Aquí hablamos de habilidades generales y practicamos could.

Ejemplo resuelto
Mia knew how to swim as a child. Mia ____ swim at six. → Mia could swim at six.
Mia sabía nadar de pequeña. Sabía nadar a los seis años.

Completa todos los huecos con could.

01. Mia was a good swimmer throughout primary school.
Mia _____ swim across the small pool as a child.

02. Leo played the piano well when he was young.
Leo _____ play simple piano pieces at seven.

03. I knew how to tie my shoes before I started school.
I _____ tie my shoes at five.

04. We were good at reading maps during our school years.
We _____ read maps when we were at school.

05. You spoke Spanish well during your childhood.
You _____ speak Spanish as a child.

06. Emma knew how to ride a bike at six.
Emma _____ ride a bike at six.

07. The pupils knew how to use the school computers.
They _____ use the school computers that year.

08. Ben was good at drawing animals as a child.
Ben _____ draw animals when he was young.

09. I knew how to count to a hundred at six.
I _____ count to a hundred at six.

10. Ava learned to knit during her school years.
Ava _____ knit simple scarves at twelve.

11. We knew how to make paper boats as children.
We _____ make paper boats as children.

12. Noah played chess well when he was ten.
Noah _____ play chess well at ten.

13. You were good at spelling before secondary school.
You _____ spell difficult words at eleven.

14. Grace knew how to skate throughout that winter.
Grace _____ skate confidently that winter.

15. The children knew how to climb the low climbing wall.
They _____ climb the low wall at school.

16. Daniel had good bicycle repair skills as a teenager.
Daniel _____ repair bicycle brakes as a teenager.

17. I knew how to write my name at four.
I _____ write my name at four.

18. Ella played the flute well as a teenager.
Ella _____ play the flute as a teenager.

19. We knew how to read music when we were young.
We _____ read music in primary school.

20. Tom was good at fixing punctures at fifteen.
Tom _____ fix a bicycle puncture at fifteen.

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21. You knew how to make basic meals in secondary school.
You _____ cook basic meals at fourteen.

22. Lily spoke French fluently as a teenager.
Lily _____ speak French fluently at sixteen.

23. The pupils knew how to use a ruler accurately.
They _____ measure short lines accurately that term.

24. Oliver knew how to type quickly throughout college.
Oliver _____ type quickly during college.

25. I knew how to tell the time at six.
I _____ tell the time at six.

26. Ruby was good at recognizing bird calls as a child.
Ruby _____ recognize common bird calls at ten.

27. We knew how to set up a tent as teenagers.
We _____ set up a tent at fourteen.

28. Henry could read long books throughout that school year.
Henry _____ read long books at eight.

29. You knew how to juggle three balls as a teenager.
You _____ juggle three balls at thirteen.

30. Sam knew how to sew on buttons at twelve.
Sam _____ sew on a button at twelve.

31. The children knew how to keep score in this game.
They _____ keep score in the game that year.

32. Lucy had good balancing skills as a child.
Lucy _____ balance on one foot for a long time at seven.

33. I knew how to use a dictionary in primary school.
I _____ use a dictionary at nine.

34. Alex was good at mental arithmetic as a teenager.
Alex _____ add large numbers in his head at fifteen.

35. We knew how to make simple wooden boxes at school.
We _____ make simple wooden boxes in our school years.

36. Sofia knew how to look after the garden as a child.
Sofia _____ grow vegetables at ten.

37. You knew how to use the camera at eleven.
You _____ take clear photographs at eleven.

38. Jack had good table tennis skills throughout that summer.
Jack _____ play table tennis well that summer.

39. The children knew how to fold complex paper shapes.
They _____ fold complex paper shapes at twelve.

40. Anna knew how to mend small holes in clothes.
Anna _____ mend small holes as a teenager.

Soluciones

Frases completas. La respuesta del hueco aparece en negrita.

01. Mia **could** swim across the small pool as a child.
02. Leo **could** play simple piano pieces at seven.
03. I **could** tie my shoes at five.
04. We **could** read maps when we were at school.
05. You **could** speak Spanish as a child.
06. Emma **could** ride a bike at six.
07. They **could** use the school computers that year.
08. Ben **could** draw animals when he was young.
09. I **could** count to a hundred at six.
10. Ava **could** knit simple scarves at twelve.
11. We **could** make paper boats as children.
12. Noah **could** play chess well at ten.
13. You **could** spell difficult words at eleven.
14. Grace **could** skate confidently that winter.
15. They **could** climb the low wall at school.
16. Daniel **could** repair bicycle brakes as a teenager.
17. I **could** write my name at four.
18. Ella **could** play the flute as a teenager.
19. We **could** read music in primary school.
20. Tom **could** fix a bicycle puncture at fifteen.
21. You **could** cook basic meals at fourteen.
22. Lily **could** speak French fluently at sixteen.
23. They **could** measure short lines accurately that term.
24. Oliver **could** type quickly during college.
25. I **could** tell the time at six.
26. Ruby **could** recognize common bird calls at ten.
27. We **could** set up a tent at fourteen.
28. Henry **could** read long books at eight.
29. You **could** juggle three balls at thirteen.
30. Sam **could** sew on a button at twelve.
31. They **could** keep score in the game that year.
32. Lucy **could** balance on one foot for a long time at seven.
33. I **could** use a dictionary at nine.
34. Alex **could** add large numbers in his head at fifteen.
35. We **could** make simple wooden boxes in our school years.
36. Sofia **could** grow vegetables at ten.
37. You **could** take clear photographs at eleven.
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39. They **could** fold complex paper shapes at twelve.
40. Anna **could** mend small holes as a teenager.