

Using Could Have V3



We use **could have V3** when you had the chance to do something but maybe didn't. Something was possible in the past, but that didn't do it.

Examples;

- I **could have passed** my math exam if I had studied harder.
- If my son **could have taken** the English course, he could have passed the exam.
- If she **could have gone** to Mexico, she would have seen the best friends.
- If they **could have developed** their bussiness, they would have enlarged their workplaces.
- If my income had been very much, I **could have bought** a house with a garden.
- You **could have stayed** up late, but You decided to go to bed early.
- I **could have moved** out when I was 18, but I didn't want to leave my family.



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Modals in Past

Modal + have + **participle**



Modal	Concept	Example
Would have	Past unreal action	If I had guessed the future, I would have taken some precautions against what would happen.
Could have	Past unreal ability	He could have taken the flight.
May have	Past unreal possibility	We may have passed the math exam, but it was in Spanish.
Might have	Past unreal small probability	You might have sold the car, if you really needed the Money.
Should have	Past unreal recommendation	You should have listened to the teacher.
Must have	Past unreal assumption	We must have been crazy!

PAST MODALS



You shouldn't have (done)
You should have (done)
You must have (done)



I have failed
my exam.



I have gained
10 kilos.



I forgot about
my friend's
birthday.



I have lost my
phone in the
bus.



Mosquitos have
bitten me.



I have
food poisoning.



I have
overslept this
morning.



I have spent a
lot on shopping
and don't have
money.



I am all wet.



I have bumped
my car.



I got
sunburnt.



I have missed
my flight.



COULD HAVE, WOULD HAVE, SHOULD HAVE WORKSHEET

Choose the correct modal form.

1. We _____ (move) to Australia, but Greg didn't want to retire. (showing past possibility)
2. Where were you the whole day? You _____ (call) me!
3. If I had known the economy was going to decline, I _____ (not spend) a lot of money.
4. I _____ (come) if you had told me about the meeting.
5. The vendor _____ (open) a store in the city, but she didn't want to.
6. Lola _____ (not eat) too much before the wedding. (regret)
7. My mom _____ (arrive) by now.
8. Believe me. I _____ (go) to the party, but I didn't have time.

ANSWER KEY:
1. Could have moved
2. Should have called
3. Wouldn't have spent
4. Would have come
5. Could have opened
6. Shouldn't have eaten
7. Should have arrived
8. Would have gone

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

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Should have, could have, would have

In the following sentences, fill in the appropriate modal verb from these 3:
should have, could have or would have



1. I _____ bought that gorgeous bag yesterday if I had enough money.

2. My mother was very angry when I arrived home at 3a.m last night. I _____ told her I would be late.

3. If I had known you would be coming to the pool too I _____ picked you up on my way here.

4. If I had known your phone wasn't working, I _____ lent you mine.

5. We are all out of milk. You _____ told me you were going to the grocery store.

6. I _____ gone to visit Italy if I had someone to go with.

7. She was driving way too fast! She _____ crashed into a tree!

8. If I had followed my dream in college I _____ become an architect.

9. Leo's dog has been missing the outdoors. He _____ taken his dog for a walk when he went to the park earlier.

10. I _____ liked to go to the movies with you guys. They were playing my favorite action movie.

