

Should have

1 Complete with should have or shouldn't have.

- 1 The restaurant was full. We should have made (make) a reservation.
- 2 I shouldn't have drunk (not / drink) so much coffee. Now I can't sleep.
- 3 You should have worn (wear) a jacket. It's freezing out here.
- 4 She shouldn't have quit (not / quit) her job before she found a new one.
- 5 I should have checked (check) the weather before we left.
- 6 They shouldn't have lent (not / lend) him so much money.
- 7 We should have taken (take) the highway. This road is so slow.
- 8 You shouldn't have posted (not / post) those photos online.
- 9 I should have backed up (back up) my files. My laptop died yesterday.
- 10 He should have listened (listen) to his doctor.

2 Complete with could have or couldn't have.

- 1 Why did you take the bus? I could have driven (drive) you.
- 2 That was dangerous. You could have broken (break) your neck!
- 3 We could have stayed (stay) longer, but the kids were tired.
- 4 I couldn't have done (not / do) it without your help. Thank you!
- 5 She could have become (become) a professional singer, but she chose law school.
- 6 The game was so exciting. It couldn't have been (not / be) better.
- 7 You could have asked (ask) me for help. Why didn't you?
- 8 I could have gotten (get) the job, but I was too nervous at the interview.
- 9 They couldn't have known (not / know) about the party. Nobody told them.

3 Complete with would have or wouldn't have.

- 1 I would have helped (help) you, but you didn't ask.
- 2 I'm glad we didn't go. I wouldn't have enjoyed (not / enjoy) the concert.
- 3 She would have come (come) to the wedding, but she was sick.
- 4 I would have bought (buy) you a present, but I didn't know it was your birthday.

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Answer key

3 Complete with would have or wouldn't have.

- 5 In your situation, I would have called (call) the police.
- 6 My dad would have loved (love) this place. It's a shame he never saw it.
- 7 I wouldn't have parked (not / park) here, but there was nowhere else.
- 8 We would have gone (go) to the beach, but it rained all weekend.

4 Circle the correct form.

- 1 I _____ you a ride, but my car was in the shop.
would have given / should have given / must have given
- 2 You _____ me they were coming.
should have told / would have told
- 3 Thanks for everything. I _____ it without you.
couldn't have finished / shouldn't have finished / wouldn't finish
- 4 We _____ a cheaper hotel, but we _____ it.
could have found / should have found
- 5 I'm so full. I _____ that second dessert.
shouldn't have ordered / couldn't have ordered / wouldn't order
- 6 That was close! The truck _____ the car.
could have hit / should have hit
- 7 I didn't know you needed money. I _____ you some.
would have lent / should lend / must have lent
- 8 The test was easy. You _____ it.
shouldn't have worried / could have worried
- 9 Why didn't you call me? I _____ you at the station.
could have met / can meet / could meet

5 Put the words in order.

- 1 should / I / my / mom / to / have / listened / .
I should have listened to my mom.
- 2 spent / I / money / much / shouldn't / so / have / .
I shouldn't have spent so much money.
- 3 could / game / have / won / we / that / .
We could have won that game.
- 4 I / have / her / without / couldn't / it / done / .
I couldn't have done it without her.
- 5 have / my / would / house / loved / this / parents / .
My parents would have loved this house.

5 Put the words in order.

- 6 should / I / done / have / what / ?

What should I have done?

- 7 could / you / yourself / killed / have / .

You could have killed yourself.

- 8 alone / the / kids / wouldn't / I / left / have / .

I wouldn't have left the kids alone.

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 I should have call my grandma on her birthday.

I should have called my grandma on her birthday.

- 2 You could have broke your leg.

You could have broken your leg.

- 3 We shouldn't have went to that restaurant.

We shouldn't have gone to that restaurant.

- 4 I would of helped you with the move.

I would have helped you with the move.

- 5 She could has been a great teacher.

She could have been a great teacher.

- 6 I couldn't have did it without you.

I couldn't have done it without you.

- 7 They should have tell us about the delay.

They should have told us about the delay.

- 8 He would have came, but his flight was canceled.

He would have come, but his flight was canceled.

- 9 You should have wrote it down.

You should have written it down.

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about things you regret and missed chances.

LAST YEAR I SHOULD HAVE...

I COULD HAVE...

Answers will vary.