EXERCISES

Should have

Answer key

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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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! Now I have to cook for ten people.
should have told / would have told / couldn't 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 wanted to be near the beach.
could have found / should find / would find

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 _____ us. could have hit / should have hit / would 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 _____ so much.
shouldn't have worried / couldn't have worried / wouldn't worry

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.

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5 Put the words in order.

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.

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.

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6 **Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.**

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.