

Past modals and phrasal modals of obligation.

A. Read the following situations. Choose the sentence that is similar in meaning.

1. I shouldn't have answered the phone.

- A. I answered the phone.
- B. I made a phone call.
- C. I knew the phone was broken.
- D. I didn't answer the phone.

2. I could have let them stay where they were.

- A. I didn't leave them there.
- B. I let them stay where they were.
- C. I don't believe I picked them up.
- D. If I had the chance, I would do it again.

3. I should not have said the things I said to my friend last night.

- A. I didn't say anything.
- B. I said good things.
- C. I regret saying the things I said.
- D. I'm okay with what I said.

4. I could have told the salesperson who called me last night that I didn't want to buy anything, but I let her talk for over an hour.

- A. I bought something I really didn't want from the salesperson.
- B. I didn't buy anything from the salesperson.
- C. I told the salesperson I didn't really want to buy anything.
- D. I enjoyed talking with the salesperson.

5. Cindy didn't have to fill up her brother's car with gas after taking it so he wouldn't get upset.

- A. Cindy filled up her brother's car with gas.
- B. Cindy's brother got upset.
- C. Cindy's brother didn't get upset.
- D. Cindy forgot to fill up her brother's car with gas.

B. Choose the past modal or phrasal modal of obligation that best completes the sentence.

- 1. I wasn't *supposed to* / *had to* give Mrs. Lee my phone when he caught me texting.
- 2. Eve was worried that she *needed to* / *didn't have to* pass her exam to graduate.
- 3. Frank *didn't have to* / *was supposed to* take his grandmother to the store, but he wanted to.
- 4. I *needed to buy* / *shouldn't have bought* these boots, but they were on sale!
- 5. Bob *was supposed to* / *didn't need to* bring dessert to the party, but he bought an appetize instead.
- 6. I *didn't need to* / *was supposed to* clean my apartment before my friend arrived, but I didn't have time.