

Read the notes and complete the activities below:

Modals in Past : Modal + have + past participle		
Modal	Concept	Example
Would have	Past unreal action	I would have bought the car, but I didn't have money
Could have	Past unreal Ability	She could have taken the flight
May have	Past unreal Possibility	We may have passed the test, but it was in French
Might have	Past Unreal Small Probability	You might have sold the house, if you really needed the money
Should have	Past unreal Recommendation	You should have listened to the doctor
Must have	Past unreal Assumption	We must have been crazy!

A- Choose the correct modal verb for the sentences below:

1. I **should have/ could have** started taking care of my health years ago! (past advice / regret)
2. They **could have/ should have** cured him, but diagnosis was too late. (past possibility)
3. You **should have/ must have** come earlier. She missed her appointment (past advice / regret)
4. Luke **could have/ must have** got better earlier if he had taken his medication. (past possibility)
5. The case was really difficult. She **couldn't have/ shouldn't have** saved the patient. (past negative possibility)
6. The nurse **should have/ must have** been nicer to the child, he's crying now.
7. Dr. Andrews **must have/ could have** gone to Cambridge University, but he decided to stay. (past possibility)
8. Dr. Andrews **should have/ could have** gone to Cambridge University, nobody values his work here. (regret)