

PERFECT MODALS

would/could/should have

Choose the right option.

1. 1. I'm not a fan of their logo. I think they _____ changed it years ago. I hate them
 - ☐ ☐ could have
 - ☐ ☐ would have
 - ☐ ☐ should have
 - ☐ ☐
3. Do you think we _____ avoided the economic crisis if we had taken greater precaution?
 - ☐ ☐ should have
 - ☐ ☐ would have
 - ☐ ☐ could have
 - ☐ ☐
2. 4. Our new hire is exactly what we needed. We _____ asked for a better employee.
 - ☐ ☐ couldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ wouldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ shouldn't have
3. 5. John _____ been at the party last night. He's not even in the country. He flew to Japan yesterday morning.
 - ☐ ☐ couldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ should not have
 - ☐ ☐ would have
 - ☐ ☐
4. 6. The investigators have several ideas about what _____ caused the fire.
 - ☐ ☐ should have
 - ☐ ☐ could have
 - ☐ ☐ would not have
 - ☐ ☐

5. 7. I'm completely convinced of his innocence. he _____ been involved in the crime. He was at home at that time.
- ☐ ☐ wouldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ shouldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ couldn't have
 - ☐ ☐
6. 8. You _____ mentioned it in front of the rest of the team. I would have talked to him in private about it.
- ☐ ☐ shouldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ should have
 - ☐ ☐ would have
 - ☐ ☐ could have
7. 10. They said they were going to pick us up at 7 p.m. I think they _____ taken a wrong turn somewhere or maybe he overslept.
- ☐ ☐ shouldn't not
 - ☐ ☐ should have
 - ☐ ☐ could have
 - ☐ ☐ would have
8. 11. Did I do the right thing? Is it what you _____ done and what you wanted?
- ☐ ☐ would have
 - ☐ ☐ could have
 - ☐ ☐ should have
 - ☐ ☐
9. 12. We _____ changed distributors if they had kept their prices competitive.
- ☐ ☐ wouldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ couldn't have
 - ☐ ☐ shouldn't have
10. 15. Matt _____ graduated college in 1997. He was only 14 years old in that time.
- ☐ ☐ should not have
 - ☐ ☐ would not have
 - ☐ ☐ couldn't have
11. 16. Tim's supposed to be here, but it looks like he _____ forgotten.
- ☐ ☐ should have

- ☐ couldn't have
- ☐ could have
12. 19. You _____ told me you needed help. I would have pitched in.
- ☐ could not have
- ☐ shouldn't have
- ☐ should have
- ☐

13. 20 A: Nobody volunteered to help us with the fair

B: I _____ helped you. I'm always willing to give you a hand but I didn't know you needed help.

- ☐ could have
- ☐ should have
- ☐ would have

14. 20. The crew _____ known how to lower the boats even if the ship was tipping over.

- ☐ could have
- ☐ should have
- ☐ would have
- ☐ couldn't have

15. 21. The captain _____ refused to pilot the ship. But he didn't.

- ☐ could have
- ☐ should not have
- ☐ would have
- ☐

16. 22 The captain _____ insisted on better emergency preparation. Now everybody regrets about it.

- ☐ could have
- ☐ should have
- ☐ would have
- ☐

17. 23 I _____ gone to the party, but I was really busy.

- ☐ could have
- ☐ should have

o would have

Exercise 2. Complete the dialogue with would have, could have, should have and the verbs in brackets.

Disaster at the Disco

Bryan: When I saw Susan with the other guy, I went away.

Janet: It's a pity. You, I think. **(stay)**

Bryan: They didn't see me, you know. Wouldn't. you the place immediately? **(leave)**

Janet: I to talk to Susan if I had been there. **(try)**
I away. **(not go)**

Bryan: You're right. I her after the dance, but I didn't. **(ask).**

Janet: Yes, you should it. **(do)**, I think she you what was going on. **(tell)**

Bryan: You're right. She it at the disco. **(explain)** But it was a bit of a shock to see her with him. Imagine that you were at a disco and you could see your boyfriend dancing with a girl.
you shocked in such a situation? **(be)**

Janet: I think I my temper. **(lose)** But I wouldn't them alone. **(leave)**

Bryan: It's a pity you didn't go to the disco with me. It fun. If you had gone with me **(be).**