

Expressing intentions and plans that changed: Was / were going to and would 1

Change each sentence to the past tense.

1. She's going to go to the movies.

She was going to go to the movies.

2. Are you going to study economics?

_____?

3. My friend is going to speak to the manager about the bad service in the hotel.

_____.

4. Are there going to be a lot of people at the meeting?

_____?

5. This is going to be my last car.

_____.

6. Who is going to teach this class?

_____?

7. Medicine is going to be my career field.

_____.

8. Where is Lee going to study nursing?

_____?

2 Change each sentence to the past tense.

1. We think we will become vegetarians.

We thought we would become vegetarians.

2. Sally believes she will marry Tom.

3. Our teacher believes we will all pass the test.

4. They say they are going to study medicine.

5. The doctor says the baby is going to be born in May.

6. No one believes the restaurant will be good.

3 Rewrite each direct speech statement about intentions and plans as indirect speech. Make tense changes.

1. She said, "I am going to be a chemist." She said she was going to be a chemist.

2. We told them, "We're going to see the movie on Friday."

3. I said, "Mark is going to be sorry he married Jane."

4. She asked, "Who is going to make dinner?"

5. My family told me, "You are going to love New York."

4 Complete each statement.

1. We thought we would be late, but _____.

a. you won't b. we weren't c. we were d. we wouldn't

2. The newspaper said it was going to rain, but _____ .
a. it isn't b. it didn't c. it would d. it did

3. I believed she was telling the truth, but _____ .
a. she didn't b. she wasn't c. she is d. I wasn't

4. He thought everything would be OK, but _____ .
a. it will b. it was c. it wasn't d. he was

Perfect modals

1 Complete the perfect modals in the statements.

1. You must have tried (try) peanut butter when you were in the U.S. Everyone eats it there.
2. They might _____ (go) to the play last night. It was playing near their apartment.
3. Jean and Ralph shouldn't _____ (buy) the SUV. It uses too much gas.
4. Who could _____ (be) at the meeting? Let's find out and call them to hear what happened.
5. We should _____ (tell) Raquel about the weather report before she left.
6. They couldn't _____ (see) the movie. It didn't open until today.
7. I must _____ (break) the coffeemaker. It doesn't work any more.
8. Molly would _____ (like) the concert. It's too bad she didn't go.

2 Complete each statement with the correct modal.

1. You _____ loved my grandmother. She was so nice!
a. should have b. would have c. could have

2. Ellen _____ studied English because she speaks very well.

a. should have b. may not have c. must have

3. I _____ taken the train instead of this slow bus!

a. could have b. couldn't have c. must have

4. They were nearby when the big accident happened. They _____ seen it.

a. could not have b. shouldn't have c. might have

5. I'm sorry I didn't break up with my boyfriend sooner. I _____ been happier.

a. would have b. must have c. couldn't have

6. They went to class this morning. They _____ known that it was canceled.

a. might have b. must not have c. should not have

7. She definitely wanted to be a physicist, or she _____ studied physics at the university.

a. must have b. would have c. wouldn't have