

Error Correction – Past Modals

Each sentence below contains an error related to past modals. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. The Hollywood Ten should had defended themselves better.

2. Some actors may have changed their identity if they knew about the blacklist.

3. The government could investigated more thoroughly before making accusations.

4. Many accused people should of received fair trials.

5. They might has moved to another country to keep working.

5. Past Modals in Context – Short Paragraph Completion

Complete the paragraph using *should have*, *could have*, *might have* + past participle.

Many filmmakers were accused of being communists during the Red Scare.

Some of them (1) _____ (avoid) the blacklist if they had denied the accusations. Others (2) _____ (continue) working under different names, but they refused. The government (3) _____ (investigate) more carefully before ruining careers. Many of these artists (4) _____ (move) to other countries to keep working. The

Hollywood industry (5) _____ (support) them more instead of banning them.