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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
   -

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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

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- 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

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- would have

Exercise 2. Complete the dialogue with would have, could have, should haveand 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 yourboyfriend 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).

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