

PERFECT MODALS

would/could/should have

Choose the right option.

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
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3. Do you think we _____ avoided the economic crisis if we had taken greater precaution?
 - should have
 - would have
 - could have
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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
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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
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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.

- C wouldn't have
- C shouldn't have
- C couldn't have
- C

6. 8. You _____ mentioned it in front of the rest of the team. I would have talked to him in private about it.

- C shouldn't have
- C should have
- C would have
- C 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.

- C shouldn't not
- C should have
- C could have
- C would have

8. 11. Did I do the right thing? Is it what you _____ done and what you wanted?

- C would have
- C could have
- C should have
- C

9. 12. We _____ changed distributors if they had kept their prices competitive.

- C wouldn't have
- C couldn't have
- C shouldn't have

10. 15. Matt _____ graduated college in 1997. He was only 14 years old in that time.

- C should not have
- C would not have
- C couldn't have

11. 16. Tim's supposed to be here, but it looks like he _____ forgotten.

- C should have

- C couldn't have
- C could have

12. 19. You _____ told me you needed help. I would have pitched in.

- C could not have
- C shouldn't have
- C should have
- C

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.

- C could have
- C should have
- C would have

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

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

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

- C could have
- C should not have
- C would have
- C

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

- C could have
- C should have
- C would have
- C

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

- C could have
- C 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**).