

PERFECT MODALS

Grammar

1. Choose the right verbs or phrases to complete the conversation.

Mia: There was a sale in town today. Designer sunglasses were half price.
Zack: You (1) *should / would / needn't* have bought a pair.
Mia: I (2) *needn't have / didn't need to / shouldn't have* buy any. I've already got five pairs.
Zack: I (3) *should / would / wouldn't* have bought some anyway. So did you buy anything?
Mia: Oh, just a case for my new phone.
Zack: Oh, you (4) *needn't / wouldn't / would* have bought one of those – I (5) *should / would / needn't* have given you one of mine.
Mia: You (6) *should / would / needn't* have told me that before I went to the shops!
Zack: I (7) *would / wouldn't / shouldn't* have done, but I didn't know you were going.
Mia: Sorry about that. But I bought you a present while I was there. Here you are!
Zack: Oh, thank you! You (8) *didn't need to / needn't have / shouldn't have* do that!

2. Complete the conversation with *would(n't)*, *should(n't)*, *needn't* or *didn't need to*.

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3. Complete the sentences with a past modal from the first list (affirmative or negative) and the verbs from the second list in the correct form.

need | should | would

bother | buy | do (x2) | hire | love | pay | yell

1. I grew up in a city. I _____ to have grown up in a rural environment.

2. I bought a racing bike but I _____ a mountain bike instead.

3. I booked in advance. I _____ that – the hotel was empty when we got there.

4. I had my own snowboard so I _____ one.

5. You _____ at Nina – now she's upset.

6. We _____ for anything, it was all free, which was a nice surprise.

7. We rushed to the station, but we _____ – the train was cancelled.

8. I found £20 and didn't know what to do. What _____ you _____?