



# Modals in Past



**Modal** + **have** + **participle**

| Modal              | Concept                       | Example                                                                                            |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Would have</b>  | Past unreal action            | If I had guessed the future, I <b>would have taken</b> some precautions against what would happen. |
| <b>Could have</b>  | Past unreal ability           | He <b>could have taken</b> the flight.                                                             |
| <b>May have</b>    | Past unreal possibility       | We <b>may have passed</b> the math exam, but it was in Spanish.                                    |
| <b>Might have</b>  | Past unreal small probability | You <b>might have sold</b> the car., if you really needed the Money.                               |
| <b>Should have</b> | Past unreal recommendation    | You <b>should have listened</b> to the teacher.                                                    |
| <b>Must have</b>   | Past unreal assumption        | We <b>must have been</b> crazy!                                                                    |

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