A Trip to Remember... For the Wrong Reasons!

Last summer, Jake planned a dream vacation to Thailand. He had booked everything in advance—flights, hotels, and tours. However, things started to go wrong from the very beginning.

First, he arrived at the airport only to realize he had left his passport at home. He had to rush back, barely making it to the flight. Then, when he landed in Bangkok, he discovered that the airline had lost his suitcase. With only his carry-on, he had to buy new clothes.

The next day, he had booked a boat tour to visit some beautiful islands, but the weather took a turn for the worse, and the tour was canceled. Frustrated but determined, he explored the city instead, trying local food and meeting friendly people.

Despite all the setbacks, Jake ended up having an amazing trip. He made new friends, learned about Thai culture, and promised himself that next time, he would double-check everything before traveling!

Comprehension Questions

1. What problems did Jake face during his trip?

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2. How did he solve them?

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3. Would you have reacted differently? Why or why not?

🔹 Past Modals: Could Have / Should Have / Would Have

Past modals are used to talk about possibilities, regrets, or hypothetical situations in the past. They follow this structure:

☑ **Subject + modal verb + have + past participle**

1- Could Have (+ Past Participle) → Possibility or Ability in the Past

- We use "**could have**" to talk about something that was possible in the past but didn't happen.
  - *Example:* "I **could have studied** more for the exam, but I didn't." (It was possible, but I didn't do it.)

2- Should Have (+ Past Participle) → Regret or Advice About the Past

- We use "**should have**" to talk about something that was a good idea in the past, but we didn't do it.
  - *Example:* "You **should have brought** an umbrella. It's raining!" (You didn't bring it, but it was a mistake.)

3- Would Have (+ Past Participle) → Hypothetical Situations in the Past

- We use "**would have**" for imaginary situations that **did not happen**.
  - *Example:* "I **would have helped** you, but I was too busy." (I wanted to help, but I couldn't.)

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Extra Practice Sentences

Complete the sentences using "could have," "should have," or "would have" + past participle.

1. It was a beautiful day. We _____ **(go) to the beach instead of staying home.**
2. I was really tired this morning. I _____ **(go) to bed earlier last night.**
3. She _____ **(win) the race if she had trained harder.**
4. They _____ **(take) a taxi instead of walking in the rain.**
5. You _____ **(tell) me you were coming! I would have prepared something.**
6. We _____ **(leave) earlier to avoid the traffic jam.**
7. He _____ **(study) more for the test, but he decided to go out.**
8. If she had called me, I _____ **(help) her with the project.**

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