PAST MODALS: SHOULD HAVE / WOULD HAVE

We use **SHOULD HAVE + past participle** to give advice or opinions about the past.

Structure: Subject + should have + past participle

Example:

- You **should have studied** more.
- You **shouldn't have lied** to her friend.

You should have studied more.

We use **WOULD HAVE + past participle** to talk about hypothetical or imaginary past situations.

Structure: Subject + would have + past participle

Example:

- I **would have called** you.
- I **wouldn't have gone** to the party.

I wouldn't have gone to the party.

Questions:

- What **should I have done**?
- What **would you have done**?

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EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Complete with SHOULD HAVE or SHOULDN'T HAVE + verb in parentheses.

1. You _____ (tell) me the truth.
2. She _____ (wake up) earlier.
3. They _____ (eat) so much junk food.
4. We _____ (study) for the exam.
5. He _____ (be) rude to his teacher.

Exercise 2: Complete with WOULD HAVE or WOULDN'T HAVE + verb in parentheses.

1. I _____ (help) you if I had known.
2. She _____ (go) to the party, but she was sick.
3. We _____ (buy) the house if it was cheaper.
4. They _____ (win) the game with more practice.
5. He _____ (say) that if he was angry.

Exercise 3: Rewrite the sentences using SHOULD HAVE or WOULD HAVE.

1. It was a mistake to lie to her.

   → You _____.

2. In my opinion, he didn't study enough.

   → He _____.

3. In that situation, I called the police.

   → I _____.

4. It was wrong to ignore the problem.

   → They _____.

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