Modals with Perfect

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"We use would with the <u>perfect</u> to refer to something that <u>did not happen</u> in the past."



Would have (participle)

If you had asked me,
I would have helped you.



1. I would have called you,

but I didn't know your number.

I would have gone to the party, but I was busy.

We use <u>modals</u> with the perfect when we are looking back from a point in time.



The point of time may be in the future

1. I will phone at six o'clock.

He should have got home by then.



We'll meet again next week.
We might have finished the work by then.

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The point of time: in the present

1. He's still not here.

He must have missed his train.



t's getting late.

They should have arrived by now.

We use modals with the perfect when we are looking back from a point in time.



The point of time: in the past

1. I checked my mobile phone.

She could have left a message.



I wasn't feeling well.

I must have eaten something bad.

Thanks!

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