Should have

Could have



Could have

Something was possible in the past, or you had the ability to do something in the past, but that you didn't do it.



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I could have finished the work, but

I decided to go to bed early.



Past possibilities

They could have won the race, but they

didn't try hard enough.



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Past possibilities

He could have studied harder, but he was too lazy and that's why he failed the exam.



Past possibilities

Couldn't have

Something wasn't possible in the past, even if you had wanted to do it.



I couldn't have arrived any earlier. There

was a terrible traffic jam



He couldn't have passed the exam, even if he had studied harder. It's a really, really difficult exam.



Should have

Something that would have been a good idea, but that you didn't do it. Or giving advice about the past.

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I should have studied harder!

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I should have started saving money earlier



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Past advice

Sachu should have left early

You should have done your work last night

You should have called me when you arrived

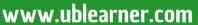


Shouldn't have

something wasn't a good idea,

but you did it anyway.





We shouldn't have invited so many people

- I shouldn't have eaten so much chocolate,
- I am feeling sleepy

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Would have

Something you wanted to do

but you didn't.



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

I would have called you, but I didn't know your number.

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Past willingness

I would have helped you. I didn't know you needed help.



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Thank you

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