

PAST MODALS

SHOULD HAVE — SITUATIONS

[Exercise 1]

Respond to the first sentence using **should have** + a verb in brackets.

Example:

A: These tourists were lost in the mountains and couldn't find the way to the campsite.

B: They _____ the map with them. **(take)**

Answer:

A: These tourists were lost in the mountains and couldn't find the way to the campsite.

B: They **should have taken** the map with them.

1. A: I don't feel very well. Something is wrong with my stomach.

B: You _____ the dessert after such a generous meal. **(skip)**

2. A: I have got a bad cold today.

B: You _____ your warm coat as your mother suggested. **(put on)**

3. A: We didn't buy any souvenirs in Rome because we were short of cash.

B: You _____ your credit card. **(take)**

4. A: I am so sleepy today.

B: You _____ home from the club together with us instead of staying there the whole night. **(go)**

5. A: Kelly feels so nervous and upset. What happened?

B: She _____ us all the truth to avoid this hazardous situation. **(tell)**

6. A: I am so frustrated. My friends left for the trip without me.

B: You _____ on time to catch the morning train as it was agreed. **(come)**

7. A: My brother cannot do well at his tournament. He isn't strong enough.

B: He _____ more regularly. **(train)**

8. A: Lisa is sad. She has argued with her close friend.

B: She _____ the bad things she said to him. **(apologize for)**

9. A: My house plants are dying and I don't know what to do.

B: You _____ them twice a week as it is recommended but not every day. **(water)**

10. A: Cora hasn't managed to bake the cake for her daughter's birthday.

B: She _____ doing that much earlier. **(begin)**

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4. should have gone.
5. should have told.
6. should have come.
7. should have trained.
8. should have apologized for.
9. should have watered.
10. should have begun.