

LOS MODALES PERFECTOS

Modal Perfects	Uses	Examples
could have	Ability to do something in the past, but which wasn't done in the end	<i>The children were tired. They could have stopped to rest.</i> (Los niños estaban cansados. Podrían haber parado a descansar.)
can't / couldn't have	Certainty that something didn't happen	<i>Pam can't / couldn't have performed at the concert. She was ill.</i> (Pam no puede / pudo haber tocado en el concierto. Estaba enferma.)
may / might have	A guess about a past action	<i>He may / might have lost the tickets.</i> (Puede que haya perdido las entradas.)
must have	Certainty or logical conclusion about an event in the past	<i>It must have been exciting for her to perform in front of thousands of people.</i> (Tiene que haber sido emocionante para ella tocar delante de miles de personas.)
should / ought to have	Criticism or regret after an event	<i>You should / ought to have taken a taxi to go to the concert.</i> (Deberías haber cogido un taxi para ir al concierto.)
shouldn't have	Criticism or regret after an event	<i>We shouldn't have come by car.</i> (No deberíamos haber venido en coche.)
would have	Willingness or desire to do something, but which wasn't actually done	<i>They would have held the concert outside but it was raining.</i> (Habrían celebrado el concierto al aire libre pero estaba lloviendo.)

Usos

could have + participio

Indica que se pudo haber hecho algo en el pasado pero que finalmente no se hizo.

can't have / couldn't have + participio

Expresa la certeza de que algo no pudo haber ocurrido.

may / might have + participio

Se usan para hacer una suposición de un hecho pasado.

must have + participio

Expresa una conclusión lógica de un hecho pasado.

should / ought to have + participio

Con ambos podemos tanto quejarnos de lo que ocurrió como lamentarnos de que no se haya cumplido lo que esperábamos.

shouldn't have + participio

Expresa nuestra opinión crítica sobre un hecho pasado, indicando que no debería haber ocurrido.

would have + participio

Indica que se quiso haber hecho algo en el pasado pero no se pudo debido a factores o circunstancias externas.