

## **MODAL PERFECT VERBS**

MODAL + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE of main verb (must have invited, should have had)

The negative form is MODAL + NOT + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE (couldn't have done)

### **1. MUST HAVE** expresses a logical deduction

- ✍ May bag has gone, someone must have stolen it while I was distracted.
- ✍ I must have deleted the email, I can't find it.

### **2. COULD HAVE** expresses a possibility

- ✍ You could have asked the doctor before taking the medicine.
- ✍ The wallet could have fallen out of my pocket

### **3. COULDN'T HAVE** expresses an impossibility

- ✍ He couldn't have stolen the laptop he was with me all the time.
- ✍ But Peter couldn't have cared less.

### **4. MAY / MIGHT HAVE** expresses a supposition

- ✍ She may have taken the wrong bus.
- ✍ She might have given my handbag to another person.

### **5. WOULD HAVE** expresses a wish

- ✍ I would have gone to your party but I had to work.
- ✍ If he found out that you have cheated him, he would have gotten furious

### **6. SHOULD / OUGHT TO** expresses a regret or criticism

- ✍ You should have thanked his help. He was very kind and friendly with you.
- ✍ I ought to have known that it was a big mistake.

### **7. SHOULDN'T HAVE** expresses a regret or criticism

- ✍ The grasshopper knew that he shouldn't have been lazy during the summer.
- ✍ You shouldn't have forgotten her birthday.

**8. NEEDN'T HAVE** expresses an unnecessary action

- ☞ You needn't have brought anything to my party.
- ☞ You needn't have bought anything to the baby, he has a lot of things, but thanks anyway.

<b>CERTAINTY or LOGICAL DEDUCTION</b>	<b>MUST HAVE + pp</b>	Certainty that something was true in the past. Something probably happened in the past.	<i>You must have known I was angry, it was so obvious!</i>
	<b>CAN'T HAVE + pp</b>	Certainty that something wasn't true in the past	<i>I can't have made a good impression because he hasn't phoned me yet.</i>
<b>POSSIBILITY</b>	<b>COULD HAVE + pp</b>	Past possibility	<i>You could have told me your mum was in hospital.</i>
	<b>MAY HAVE + pp</b>		<i>She may have phoned, but we don't know because we were in the garden.</i>
	<b>MIGHT HAVE + pp</b>		<i>You might have known the answer.</i>
<b>ABILITY</b>	<b>COULD HAVE + pp</b>	Ability to have done something but in fact you didn't do it.	<i>You could have played better</i>
<b>ADVICE or RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>SHOULD HAVE + pp</b>	Criticism or regret about something you did wrong. You didn't do something which was a good idea.	<i>I was anxious, you should have phoned me.</i>
	<b>OUGHT TO HAVE + pp</b>		<i>I ought to have apologized, I had been very rude.</i>
<b>LACK OF NECESSITY</b>	<b>NEEDN'T HAVE + pp</b>	We did something although it wasn't necessary to be done. Unnecessary past action.	<i>You needn't have made so many pancakes, nobody is hungry now.</i>
<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>WOULD HAVE + pp</b>	Past condition or situation. Willingness to do something but in fact you couldn't do it	<i>I would have visited you, but I forgot your address.</i>
<b>MODAL EXPRESSION</b>	<b>HAD BETTER</b>	It expresses a warning	<i>I had better study or I'll fail the test.</i>

