

Could Have Should Have Would Have Exercise 1

1. I _____ (buy) bread but I didn't know we needed it.
(past possibility)
2. We _____ (invite) so many people to our party! I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone. (past negative advice / regret)
3. I _____ (start) saving money years ago! (past advice / regret)
4. We _____ (join) you at the restaurant, but we couldn't get a babysitter. (past willingness)
5. The weather _____ (be) any worse! (past negative possibility)
6. I _____ (arrive) on time, even if I'd left earlier. There were dreadful traffic jams all the way. (past negative possibility)
7. They _____ (win) the football match, but John hurt his ankle. (past possibility)
8. Amanda _____ (finish) the work, but she felt ill and had to go home. (past willingness)
9. Lucy _____ (left) earlier. She missed her flight. (past advice / regret)
10. We _____ (finish) the game, even if we'd wanted to. It was raining very hard and we had to stop. (past negative possibility)
11. I _____ (eat) so much chocolate! I feel sick! (past negative advice / regret)
12. Luke _____ (pass) the exam if he'd studied a bit more. (past possibility)

13. John _____ (call) Amy, but he didn't have her number. (past willingness)
14. You _____ (be) rude to him. He's going to be really angry now. (past negative advice / regret)
15. She _____ (come) to the restaurant if she'd left work earlier. (past possibility)
16. You _____ (take) this job. I can see you're not enjoying it. (past negative advice / regret)
17. The race was really difficult. She _____ (win) because she's not fit enough. (past negative possibility)
18. Our neighbours _____ (cut) down the tree in their garden. It was a really beautiful tree. (past negative advice / regret)
19. The children _____ (do) their homework last night. Then they wouldn't be panicking on the way to school. (past advice / regret)
20. I'm really cold! I _____ (bring) my coat. (past advice / regret)
21. I _____ (come) to see you! I didn't know you were ill. (past willingness)
22. Andrew _____ (go) to Cambridge University, but he decided to travel instead. (past possibility)
23. They _____ (be) kinder to me. They were absolutely lovely. (past negative possibility)
24. You _____ (buy) some milk at the shops. We don't have any milk. (past advice / regret)
25. They _____ (come) to have breakfast with us, but they went to bed too late the night before. (past willingness)

Answers: Could have should have would have

1. I could have bought bread but I didn't know we needed it. (past possibility)
2. We shouldn't have invited so many people to our party! I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone. (past negative advice / regret)
3. I shouldn't have started saving money years ago! (past advice / regret)
4. We would have joined you at the restaurant, but we couldn't get a babysitter. (past willingness)
5. The weather couldn't have been any worse! (past negative possibility)
6. I couldn't have arrived on time, even if I'd left earlier. There were dreadful traffic jams all the way. (past negative possibility)
7. They could have won the football match, but John hurt his ankle. (past possibility)
8. Amanda would have finished the work, but she felt ill and had to go home. (past willingness)
9. Lucy should have left earlier. She missed her flight. (past advice / regret)
10. We couldn't have finished the game, even if we'd wanted to. It was raining very hard and we had to stop. (past negative possibility)
11. I shouldn't have eaten so much chocolate! I feel sick! (past negative advice / regret)
12. Luke could have passed the exam if he'd studied a bit more. (past possibility)
13. John would have called Amy, but he didn't have her number. (past willingness)
14. You shouldn't have been rude to him. He's going to be really angry now. (past negative advice / regret)
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