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Modal+have+V3

1. Subject+could+have+V3

We use the structure when something was possible for us to do in the past or we had the ability to do it in the past but we didn't do it.

I could have got the job but I didn't attend the interview.

She could have cooked lunch on time. (She wasted time watching TV serial)

We could have won the match. (We didn't try hard)

He could have got the first rank. (He didn't work hard)

Subject+would+have+V3...

We use the structure when we wanted to do something in the past but we didn't do it.

I would have come to the station but I didn't ^{know} that you were coming.

(If I had known that you were coming, I would have come to the station.)

We would have taken the exam. (We didn't know that there was an exam.)

I would have come to the party but I didn't get permission from my boss.

(If my boss had given me permission, I would have come to the party.)

He would have invited you but he didn't have your number.

(If he had had your number, he would have invited you.)

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Subject+may/might+have+V3.

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We use the structure when we guess about past action doubtfully.

He might have gone to his hometown.

She might have forgotten the keys at home.

They might have taken lunch.

You might have given me the book but I forgot.

Subject+must+have+V3...

We use the structure when we guess about a past action strongly.

India must have won the match.

Proof: Fans are celebrating outside.

He must have got the job.

Proof: He has brought sweets.

She must have failed.

Proof: She looks miserable.
Some accident must have happened.

Proof: A huge crowd has gathered on the road.

Subject+can't+have+V3

We use the structure when we are sure that something did not happen in the past.

He can't have got the first rank.

She can't have cooked lunch.

They can't have won the match.

He can't have broken the glass.

He can't have driven^I rashly.

Subject+should+have+V3

When we regret about a past action.

Something was good to do but we did not do it.

You should have attended the classes regularly.

(You didn't attend the classes regularly.)

I should have come regularly.

We should have invited him to the party.

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She should have joined spoken English course.

He should have attended the interview.

Subject+shouldn't+have+V3...

Something was not good for us to do but we did it.

You shouldn't have talked like that.

He shouldn't have driven rashly.

She shouldn't have insulted him.

Subject+needn't+have+V3..

We use the structure when we think that something was not necessary for us to do it in the past but we did it.

We need not have bought the car.

He need not have gone to the party.

She need not have watered the plants.

You need not have brought all these things.

You needn't have bought him a new smartphone.