

Modals + the perfect infinitive

Form

modal + have + past participle

statement

You **should have told** me you were going shopping.

negative

You **shouldn't (should not) have told** Liz what Bill said.

question

Should I have invited Carol to the party?

Watch out!

Some verbs have irregular past participle forms. See page 182.

Ability

Use

To say that someone had the opportunity or ability to do something, but didn't do it

Modal

could

Example

We **could have gone** to the party, but we decided not to in the end.

Watch out!

We use *this* for things that someone didn't actually do. For general ability in the past, we use *could* + bare infinitive (see Unit 19).

✓ I **could play** the guitar when I was seven. (= I knew how to play the guitar.)

✓ I **could have played** the guitar. (= I had the opportunity to play the guitar, but I didn't actually play it.)

Criticism

Use

To say that someone's past behaviour was bad or wrong

Modal

ought to / should

Example

You **should have invited** Carol to your party. (= You didn't invite Carol and that was wrong.)

Probability and possibility

Use

Strong probability

Modal

must / can't

Example

They **must have had** a lovely holiday! (= It's almost certain that they had a lovely holiday.)
They **can't have had** any sleep! (= It's almost certain that they didn't have any sleep.)

Possibility

could / may / might

Helen **might have found** a new house. (= It's possible, but I'm not certain.)

Expectation

Use

To show you expected the past to be different from what actually happened

Modal

ought to / should

Example

Jim **should have arrived** half an hour ago. I wonder where he is.

Questions

Normal main verbs

Simple tenses

• **Do** you **feel** cold? • **Did** they **go** shopping?

Continuous tenses

• **Am** I **annoying** you? • **Were** they **waiting** for you?

Perfect tenses

• **Have** you **seen** this film? • **Had** it **started**?

Be as a main verb

• **Am** I late? • **Were** you all right? • **Have** you **been** ill?

Have as a main verb

• **Does** she **have** a bath every day? • **Did** they **have** lunch at one o'clock?

Modals

• **Should** I **call** the police? • **Could** you **call** me later?

Question words

• **Who** was in prison? • **What's** your name? • **Where** do they live?
• **Why** did you do that?

Watch out!

- To form questions in the passive, we put the auxiliary verb before the subject. If there is more than one auxiliary verb, only the first one goes before the subject.

✓ **Was** Mr Jenkins arrested yesterday?✓ **Has** Mr Jenkins **been** arrested?

- With the question words who and what, we use do as an auxiliary verb if the question word refers to the **object** of the verb.

✓ Who **told** you? (= Someone told you. Who?)✓ Who **did** you **tell**? (= You told someone. Who?)

Questions tags

Use

Example

To ask someone to agree with us

*It's confusing, **isn't it**?*

To check whether something is true

*You haven't been to prison, **have you**?*

Normal main verbs

Simple tenses

• Phil **works** here, **doesn't** he? • They **didn't leave**, **did** they?

Continuous tenses

• You **are** coming, **aren't** you? • They **weren't looking**, **were** they?

Perfect tenses

• They've **gone**, **haven't** they? • You **hadn't** seen it, **had** you?

Be as a main verb

• He's new here, **isn't** he? • You **weren't** old enough, **were** you?

Have as a main verb

• They **have** a car, **haven't** / **don't** they? • You **didn't have** a shower every day, **did** you?

Modals

• Jan **should** be here by now, **shouldn't** she? • You **won't** make a mess, **will** you?

Helpful hints

In sentences with *I am*, we use *aren't I?* In sentences with *I'm not*, we use *am I?*✓ **I'm** right, **aren't I**? ✓ **I'm not** stupid, **am I**?

Watch out!

With *Let's*, we use *shall* in the question tag.✓ **Let's** do the washing-up later, **shall we**?

Indirect questions

Phrase + clause with normal word order

Use

Example

To ask questions politely

Can/Could you tell me where the bank is?**Can/Could** you let me know what time the film starts?**Do you know** if Alison lives there?**I wonder if you could tell me** where the toilets are.**I wonder if you know** how much this costs.

Watch out!

We don't use question word order in the second half of the sentence.

Vocabulary

People and daily life

Topic vocabulary

see page 192 for definitions

admit (v)	habit (n)	routine (n, adj)
arrest (v)	identity card (n phr)	schedule (n)
charity (n)	illegal (adj)	situation (n)
commit (v)	politics (n)	social (adj)
community (n)	population (n)	society (n)
court (n)	prison (n)	steal (v)
criminal (n, adj)	protest (v, n)	tradition (n)
culture (n)	resident (n)	typical (adj)
familiar (adj)	responsible (adj)	vote (v, n)
government (n)	rob (v)	youth club (n phr)

Phrasal verbs

Prepositional phrases

break in(to)	enter illegally
catch up (with)	reach the same point/level as
get away with	escape punishment for
get up	leave your bed
move in	start living in a new house, etc
put away	return sth to where it belongs
wake up	stop being asleep
wash up	wash plates, cups, cutlery, etc

against the law
at the age of
in public
in response to
in touch (with)
in your teens/twenties/etc

Word formation

agree	agreement, disagree	life	live, alive
belief	believe, (un)believable	nation	nationality, (inter)national
courage	courageous	peace	peaceful(ly)
elect	election	prison	prisoner
equal	equality, unequal	shoot	shot, shooting

Word patterns

<i>adjectives</i>	angry (with sb) about guilty of	forget about forgive sb for invite sb to punish sb for share sth with smile at
<i>verbs</i>	accuse sb of blame sb for blame sth on criticise sb for	