

# Connecting Words in Speech

## Coulda, shoulda...

Aquí tenemos otro ejemplo de la palabra “**have**” pronunciada a veces como una “a”.

**Coulda = Could have**

**Musta = Must have**

**Mighta = Might have**

**Shoulda = Should have**

**Woulda = Would have**

- I **could have** done that.

(I “**coulda**” done that).

Podría haberlo hecho.

- We **could have** gone.

(We “**coulda**” gone).

Podríamos haber ido.

- I was so tired. I **could have** slept for a week.

(I “**coulda**” slept for a week)

Estaba tan cansado. Podría haber dormido una semana.

- He was lucky. He **could have** hurt somebody.

(He was lucky. He “**coulda**” hurt somebody).

Tuvo suerte. Pudo haberle hecho daño a alguien.

- I can't find one of my gloves. I **must have** dropped it somewhere.

(I can't find one of my gloves. I “**musta**” dropped it somewhere.)

No encuentro uno de mis guantes. Se me debe de haber caído.

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- There's nobody at home. They **must have** gone out.

(There's nobody at home. They **"musta"** gone out).

No hay nadie en casa. Deben haber salido.

- You **might have** left it on the bus.

(You **"mighta"** left it on the bus).

Puede que lo hayas dejado en el autobús.

- I **might have** been asleep.

(I **"mighta"** been asleep.)

Debí haber estado dormido. /Puede que haya estado durmiendo.

- I wonder why they're so late. They **should have** been here an hour ago.

(I wonder why they're so late. They **"shoulda"** been here an hour ago.)

Me pregunto por qué llegan tan tarde. Deberían haber llegado hace una hora.

- They **shouldn't have** touched my stuff.

(They **"shouldn't've"** touched my stuff.)

No deberían haber tocado mis cosas.

- I **would have** gone, but I didn't have time.

(I **"woulda"** gone, but I didn't have time.)

Habría ido, pero no tenía tiempo.

- I **would have** told you but I think it **wouldn't have** helped.

(I **"woulda"** told you but I think it **"wouldn't've"** helped.)

Te lo habría dicho, pero creo que no habría ayudado.