

Test Your Grammar Skills

Could've, Would've, Should've 1

Complete each sentence with **could've**, **would've**, or **should've**:

<i>use:</i>	<i>to show:</i>
could have (could've)	that an action in the past was possible, but did not happen
would have (would've)	that an intention in the past was not carried out due to an obstacle
should have (should've)	there was a good reason to do an action in the past, but it did not happen

- I _____ got a taxi, but I wanted to walk.
_____ because the college was five miles away.
_____ but I didn't have enough cash on me.
- Lyn _____ bought the dress, but she couldn't afford it.
_____ but she didn't like it that much.
_____ because it would have looked great.
- I _____ eaten the last cake, but I wanted you to have it.
_____ because now I'm really hungry.
_____ because nobody else wanted it.
- The farmer _____ accepted help, because his business was failing.
_____ but his wife talked him out of it.
_____ but he didn't return the forms in time.
- I _____ applied for that job, because I had the right qualifications.
_____ but I found a better one.
_____ because it would have been perfect for me.
- I _____ parked near the school, but I didn't think of it.
_____ because then we wouldn't have had to walk.
_____ because I have a permit.
- They _____ chatted for longer, because they both had nothing else to do.
_____ but Wendy had to get off to work.
_____ because they had so much to catch up with.
- I _____ given you a lift home, because it started raining after you left.
_____ but I didn't want to.
_____ but my car is at the mechanic's.
- I _____ unpacked the dishwasher, but I know that you like to do it!
_____ but the phone rang and I got talking.
_____ because it was my turn.
- She _____ gone to the party, because she was invited.
_____ but she was already going somewhere else.
_____ because her favourite DJ played a great set.

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