

# Test Your Grammar Skills

## Could've, Would've, Should've 2

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

- We \_\_\_\_\_ rented a movie, \_\_\_\_\_ because there was nothing on TV.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but our internet connection crashed.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but I wasn't in the mood.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ washed the car, \_\_\_\_\_ but my son desperately wanted to do it.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but the car wash was out of order.  
\_\_\_\_\_ since it was absolutely filthy.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ finished his thesis, \_\_\_\_\_ because it was due in the following day.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because he had had plenty of time.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but he had to make a few calls.
- The lift \_\_\_\_\_ been mended, \_\_\_\_\_ but nobody made it a priority.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but an important part was unavailable.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because all the tenants hated the stairs.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ been a great holiday, \_\_\_\_\_ because it was a fantastic resort.  
\_\_\_\_\_ if it hadn't rained every day.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but we all suffered from stomach bugs.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ won the election, \_\_\_\_\_ but we didn't receive enough votes.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because we really had the best policies.  
\_\_\_\_\_ if we'd appealed more to the middle classes.
- Mia \_\_\_\_\_ assisted her colleague, \_\_\_\_\_ since the project had been her idea.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but she was on vacation in France.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because she had the right level of expertise.
- The novel \_\_\_\_\_ had a better reception, \_\_\_\_\_ but three out of five stars was not bad.  
\_\_\_\_\_ if there had been more publicity.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because the writing was wonderful.
- My friend \_\_\_\_\_ upgraded his mobile, \_\_\_\_\_ if he had been able to find his contract.  
\_\_\_\_\_ but he didn't want the hassle.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because it was an old-fashioned brick.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ applied for a loan, \_\_\_\_\_ but they didn't want to fall into debt.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because their credit rating was pretty good.  
\_\_\_\_\_ because it would have been the best option.

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