



Think of an argument you had with a friend.

What was the argument about?

What caused the argument?

Could you have avoided it?

PUSH

## argument

*noun* [C or U]

US  /'ɑ:rg.jə.ment/ UK  /'ɑ:g.jə.ment/

**a disagreement, or the process of disagreeing**

Listen and complete the dialogue with the words below.  
Is Archie right to be annoyed? Why? / Why not?



- could
- might
- needn't
- should
- shouldn't

... or do that shows what you think or want,  
usually in a way that is not direct:

**should/could/might/needn't have + past participle**

1 We can use *shouldn't have* to express disapproval of past actions.

*She shouldn't have laughed at her brother.*

2 We use *should have*, *might have* or *could have* to say what the right way to behave was, in our opinion.

*She should/could/might have been kinder!*

3 We use *needn't have* to say an action was unnecessary.

*You needn't have shouted, I was right beside you.*



А всё уже!



- If we talking about an action that was unnecessary and didn't take place, we use a different structure. Compare:  
 They didn't have to pay for their tickets. Children under eighteen get in free.  
 They needn't have paid for their tickets. My uncle owns the cinema. (But they did pay for them.)

ly knew it.  
n's address



Read the *Learn this!* box. Then join the sentences using *should have, shouldn't have or needn't have, and because.*

- 1 She told me Sam's address. I already knew it.  
She needn't have told me Sam's address because I already knew it.
- 2 You didn't go to the doctor's. You were feeling very ill.
- 3 She didn't give her dad a card. It was his birthday.
- 4 Mark took his camera to the match. He took no photos.
- 5 We took sun cream on holiday. It rained every day.
- 6 You spent all your money. You needed some for the bus.

**LET'S GO!**



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You should have gone to the doctor's because you were feeling ill.



You didn't give her dad a card. It was his birthday.

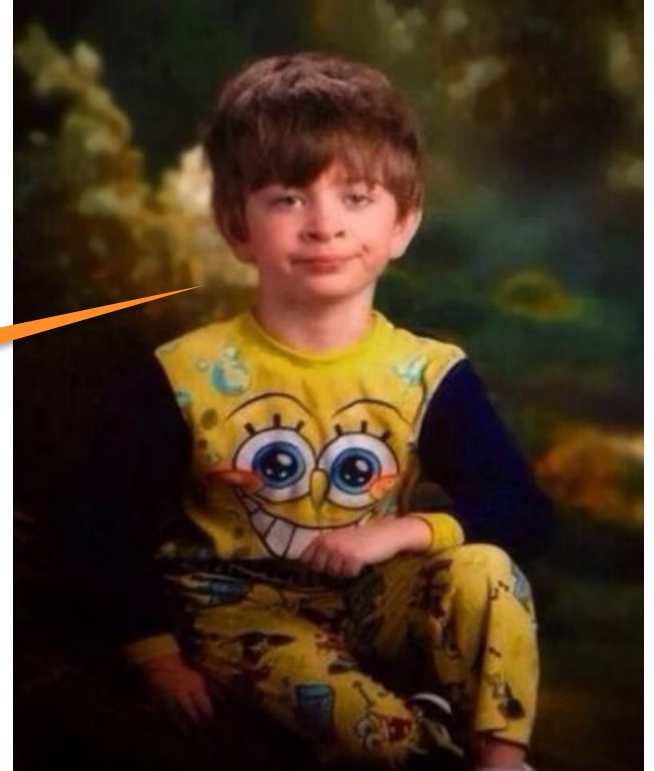


She should have given her dad a card because it was his birthday.

Mark took his camera to the match. He took no photos.



Mark needn't have taken his camera to the match because he didn't take any photos.



We took sun cream on holiday. It rained every day.



We needn't have taken sun cream on holiday because it rained every day.



You spent all your money. You needed some for the bus.



You shouldn't have spent all your money because you needed some for the bus.

Choose the word which makes the most sense in these sentences.

- 1 I don't mind you borrowing my phone, but you **might** / **needn't** have asked me first!
- 2 We **shouldn't** / **needn't** have eaten those burgers; they were a week past their 'use by' date.
- 3 I forgot our homework was due in today – you **could** / **needn't** have reminded me!
- 4 I was only two minutes late. You **might** / **shouldn't** have waited for me!
- 5 We **needn't** / **shouldn't** have gone to Greece in March; the weather was terrible.
- 6 My mobile was switched off – you **needn't** / **should** have tried my landline.

Rewrite the sentences so they include *should*, *shouldn't*, *could*, *might* or *needn't have*. Don't change the meaning.

- 1 You shouldn't have given chocolate to your dog.
- 2 She needn't have worn formal clothes.
- 3 You could / should have invited your cousins to your party.
- 4 You might / could have saved some chips for me!
- 5 You shouldn't have left the front door unlocked.
- 6 You needn't have bought me a present.
- 7 You should have stayed at home.
- 8 They could / might have given us a lift to the station!

We use the third conditional to talk about how a situation in the past could have been avoided:



If she hadn't lost her temper,  
Jack wouldn't have left.

(But she did lose her temper, Jack did leave)

Third Conditional



(If.....), [ \_\_\_\_\_ would/wouldn't have].

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[ \_\_\_\_\_ would/wouldn't have]  
(If.....).

She'd have been amazed if you'd asked her out.

She would have been amazed if you had asked her out.

She'd = she would



You'd = you had



(If I hadn't had a heavy suitcase with me), [I could have run for the bus].

= would have been able to

[ \_\_\_ could have / might have ] (if.....)

If my dad had gone to university, he might have become a teacher.

The result is  
less certain



Complete these third conditional sentences with the past perfect and *would(n't) have* form of the verbs in brackets.

1 If you **hadn't left** the door open, the burglars

**wouldn't have got** in!

2 We **would have won** the match if we **had played** better in the second half.

3 It **would have been** better if you **hadn't mentioned** our plan.

4 If my dad **hadn't come** home, the party **would have gone on** all night.

5 They **Would have gone** on holiday in the summer if they **hadn't been** (not go) skiing already that year.

6 You **wouldn't have guessed** my secret if your sister **hadn't given** (not give) you a clue.

7 I **wouldn't have written** a letter of complaint if I **hadn't been** (be) so angry.

8 If you **had asked** to borrow my football boots, I **would have said** (say) yes.



**USE OF ENGLISH** Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first. Include the word in brackets.

1 We only arrived on time because we ran. (wouldn't)

If we \_\_\_\_\_ arrived on time.

If we hadn't run, we wouldn't have arrived on time.

2 I wish you'd taken some photos! (might)

You \_\_\_\_\_ photos!

You might have taken some photos!

3 It was a bad idea to eat at the hotel. (shouldn't)

We \_\_\_\_\_ at the hotel.

We shouldn't have eaten at the hotel.

4 He panicked – that's the only reason he got lost. (if)

He wouldn't have \_\_\_\_\_ panicked.

He wouldn't have got lost if he hadn't panicked.

5 We'd never have won without your help. (helped)

If \_\_\_\_\_ we wouldn't have won.

If you hadn't helped, we wouldn't have won.

6 You didn't have to buy me a present. (needn't)

You \_\_\_\_\_ a present.

You needn't have bought me a present.

Make notes about what you would have done if you had found yourself in these situations:

- 1 a pet was sick on your school bag
- 2 you overslept by an hour
- 3 all your school clothes were dirty
- 4 you saw a house on fire
- 5 you couldn't find your keys/phone



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I would have \_\_\_\_\_ if .....





eat recharge save worry

The battery's dead!



You might have saved some for me!

You should have recharged it overnight.



- Eat
- Recharge
- Save
- Worry

Complete the speech bubbles. Use a verb from the box and each of these modal structures once: *might have, needn't have, should have* and *shouldn't have*.



You **needn't have worried**  
about your exams  
results.

You **shouldn't have eaten**  
all those chocolates.

I feel sick.

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- Recharge
- Save
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Complete the sentences with a modal in the past (*should/might/could/needn't have*) and the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

1 We got lost on the way. We turned left when we  
should have turned (turn) right.

2 I spent all morning looking for my camera. You  
might/should have told (tell) me that you'd borrowed it!

3 Thanks for the sandwich, but you  
needn't/shouldn't have made (make) it. I had lunch in town.

4 Josh  
should/might have let (let) me know that he wasn't coming home. I cooked dinner for him.

5 You  
needn't/should have bought (buy) any milk. There's lots in the fridge.

6 Dad had already filled the car with petrol, so Mum  
needn't have got (get) any more.