

Must Have, Should Have, Could Have

Add **have + past participle** to talk about the past. For guesses: *She must have missed the bus. He might have forgotten. They can't have seen us.* For regrets and criticism: *I should have left earlier. You could have told me!*

The ground is wet. It **must have rained**.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- The road is wet. It _____ in the night.
a) must have rained b) must rain
- I failed the test. I _____ more.
a) must have studied b) should have studied
- Where's Ana? She _____ the train. She's usually on time.
a) might have missed b) should have missed
- You _____ me! I would have helped.
a) could have asked b) must have asked
- They _____ already. The match only started ten minutes ago.
a) must have finished b) can't have finished

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. He must have went home.

2. You should of called me.

3. She mustn't have seen us.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

must have

might have

can't have

should have

shouldn't have

could have

See the rule move

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) must have rained** A guess about the past: must have + participle.
2. **b) should have studied** A regret: should have.
3. **a) might have missed** A possible explanation: might have.
4. **a) could have asked** A missed chance: could have.
5. **b) can't have finished** Almost certainly didn't happen: can't have.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **He must have gone home.** After have, use the past participle: gone, not went.
2. **You should have called me.** Should've sounds like should of, but it's always should have.
3. **She can't have seen us.** For a strong negative guess, use can't have.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.