



COULD HAVE

Perfect Modal Verb



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The past form of the modal verb could is:

COULD HAVE + THE PAST PARTICIPLE

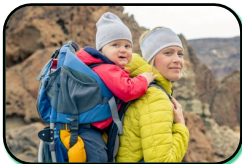
We use it to talk about something that didn't happen in the past.



1. **GARY WENT SAILING BY HIMSELF IN TERRIBLE WEATHER.**
He could've drowned, but luckily nothing happened.



2. **YOU STARTED A FIGHT WITH THE NEIGHBOR.**
You could've spent the night in jail.



3. **NICOLE WENT HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH HER TWO-MONTH-OLD BABY.**
They could've had an accident.



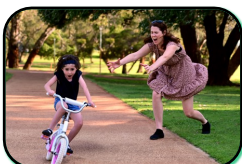
4. **JUDITH DIDN'T WEAR ANY SUNSCREEN YESTERDAY.**
She could've gotten a severe sunburn.



5. **MY BROTHER-IN-LAW GAMBLED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS LAST NIGHT.**
He could've lost all his money.



6. **YOU DIDN'T WEAR YOUR SUNGLASSES WHEN YOU DROVE TO WORK TODAY.**
You could've caused a car crash.



7. **ALICE FORGOT TO PUT ON HER HELMET.**
She could've hurt her head.



8. **KAYLA DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING YESTERDAY.**
She could've fainted, but she's feeling better now.

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