

8G – Preview Answers



Matching

Match the sentences in Column A with sentences in Column B that could come next.

Column A

1. I'm so tired this morning.
2. I was late again this morning.
3. We should've won that game.
4. I'm sorry, I forgot about your party.
5. Mike fell off his bike and hurt his head.
6. I can't believe I didn't buy a lotto ticket.
7. I didn't know Kim was a vegetarian.
8. It rained again last weekend.

Column B

- a. I would've been on time if I had caught the bus.
- b. I should've asked before I ordered steak for both of us.
- c. My lucky numbers came up. I could've won!
- d. I should've gone to bed earlier last night.
- e. If it hadn't, we could've gone to the beach.
- f. He should've worn a helmet.
- g. I must've written down the wrong date by mistake.
- h. We would've won if the referee hadn't been so unfair.



You choose

Fill in the blanks using one of the words below. You can use each word more than once.

should've *shouldn't have* *would've* *wouldn't have*
could've *couldn't have* *must've* *mustn't have*

1. I *would've* worn a tie to work if I'd known everyone else was going to.
2. I *should've* kept my baseball card collection. It would be worth thousands now.
3. Jack kept interrupting at the meeting. Somebody *should've* told him to be quiet.
4. I *must've* been crazy to buy this tie. It looks awful!
5. I *shouldn't have* been so lazy in class. Then maybe I *could've* passed the test.
6. That job interview *could've* been my big chance. But I blew it by getting too nervous.
7. Carol still hasn't called me back. I *shouldn't have* told her so many bad jokes on our first date.
8. If you had asked for directions, we *wouldn't have* gotten lost.



Your turn Answers will vary.

What are some things you've done this year that you wish you could change? What would be different now if you had or hadn't done those things?

In the spring I decided to accept my company's offer of a transfer to Timbuktu. I had no idea where that was but it sounded like an exotic place to live and it would only be for 2 years. However, now that I have moved my entire family to Timbuktu, it isn't working out at all. There are a lot of snakes and diseases in the area where my company's factory is. My family is not happy! It would have been better if I had checked out the area before accepting the offer. My family would be happier and so would I.

Imagine you are the Prime Minister of your country. What are some of your regrets? What should you have done but didn't?

I regret that I haven't done more for my own people. I have advanced my country's image internationally but the people of my country are less well-off than in the past. I should have focussed more on problems at home.