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1. I know I \_\_\_\_\_ that report last week but I was so busy I just didn't have time to do it. Sorry.
- a) must finish
  - b) should have finished
  - c) finished
  - d) should of finished
2. We got completely soaked in the rain. I wished we'd listened to you before we left the house. We \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella!
- a) should have took
  - b) could take
  - c) must have taken
  - d) none of the above
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ me it was a party! I would have put on something more dressy instead of these old jeans.
- a) should of told
  - b) could have tell
  - c) could of told
  - d) could have told
4. If I had studied more I \_\_\_\_\_ my exam.
- a) might have passed
  - b) would have passed
  - c) could have passed
  - d) any of the above
5. The steak is awful, sorry. It's completely raw! I \_\_\_\_\_ it longer.
- a) cooked
  - b) didn't cook
  - c) should have cooked
  - d) none of the above
6. I'm glad I set the alarm clock. I \_\_\_\_\_ the plane if I had slept in.
- a) might have missed
  - b) should have missed
  - c) can't have missed
  - d) must have missed

## ANSWERS:

1. I know I \_\_\_\_\_ that report last week but I was so busy I just didn't have time to do it. Sorry.

a), c) and d) The correct form for talking about this past regret (I didn't finish the report but now I wish I had) is: 'should have' + past participle. Try again.

**b) Well done, this is correct!**

2. We got completely soaked in the rain. I wished we'd listened to you before we left the house. We \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella!

a) You need a past participle, rather than a past simple verb ('took'), to complete this past regret (We didn't take an umbrella. I wish we had). Try again.

b) This means 'we might or we might not take an umbrella with us (in the future)'. The correct answer means 'We didn't take an umbrella with us and now I wished that we had.' Try again.

c) This means we took an umbrella with us. The correct answer means 'We didn't take an umbrella with us and now I wished that we had.' Try again.

**d) This is the right answer. Well done!**

3. You \_\_\_\_\_ me it was a party! I would have put on something more dressy instead of these old jeans.

a) and c) Although this regret about not being told about the dress-code may sound like 'should of' or 'could of', it's not correct. Try again.

b) This past regret is formed with 'could have' + past participle' (not the present simple). Try again.

**d) This is the correct way to show that you wished your friend had told you about the dress-code before the party.**

4. If I had studied more I \_\_\_\_\_ my exam.

a), b), c) Although this is correct, there is a better answer. Try again.

**d) This is the correct answer.**

5. The steak is awful, sorry. It's completely raw! I \_\_\_\_\_ it longer.

a) If you 'cooked it longer' it wouldn't be raw now. You need to add two more verbs here to show that you regret not cooking the meat longer.

b) You 'didn't cook it longer' that's the problem. You need to add two more verbs here to show that you regret not cooking the meat longer.

c) **Well done, this is correct!**

d) One of these options is correct. Try again.

6. I'm glad I set the alarm clock. I \_\_\_\_\_ the plane if I had slept in.

a) **Well done, this is correct!**

b) If you 'should have missed' the plane, it means you wished you had missed your flight. You need a different verb from 'should' which shows missing the flight was a possibility.

c) If you 'can't have missed' the plane, it means you didn't miss your flight. You need a different verb from 'can't have' which shows missing the flight was a possibility.

d) If you 'must have missed' the plane, it means you missed your flight. You need a different verb from 'must' which shows missing the flight was a possibility.

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