

Should have -vs- Shouldn't have (1 Answers)

Should have: *when you didn't do something, but later think it was a mistake not to do it*

It's cold today and I didn't wear a coat. → I should have worn a coat.

Shouldn't have: *when you did something, but later think it was a bad idea to do it*

I saw a scary movie and can't sleep. → I shouldn't have seen a scary movie.

Rewrite the sentences below using **should have** or **shouldn't have**:

ex.) Jenny put hot sauce on her food and now it is too spicy to eat.

Jenny shouldn't have put hot sauce on her food.

1. I didn't charge my smartphone last night and now it is dead today.

I should have charged my smartphone last night .

2. I told Jim my deepest secret but then he told everyone else my secret!

I shouldn't have told Jim my deepest secret .

3. Susie didn't pass her math test because she didn't study at all.

Susie should have studied for her math test .

4. Mark ordered the chicken special instead of the fish and it was a terrible idea!

Mark shouldn't have ordered the chicken//should have ordered the fish.

5. Amy fell asleep laying on the grass in the sun. Now she has a bad sunburn.

Amy shouldn't have fallen asleep laying on the grass in the sun .

6. We got to the popular restaurant, but it was fully booked. (*make a reservation*)

We should have made a reservation at the popular restaurant .

7. Bob illegally parked his car for just 5 minutes, but he got a parking ticket. Oops

Bob shouldn't have illegally parked his car (even for just 5 minutes) .

8. *Art was drinking and driving, and was arrested by the police. Bad idea.

Art shouldn't have been drinking and driving .

9. I lent some DVDs to my students and the DVDs never came back. Rats!!

I shouldn't have lent DVDs to my students .

10. I didn't water the plants in my apartment for a month and they all died.

I should have watered the plants in my apartment .

11. *Nick only asked for \$1500 when he sold his car, but later he found out that it was worth \$3000. Rats!! (*more money*)

Nick should have asked for more money when he sold his car .

12. **Pam gave her telephone number to some strange guy and now he won't stop calling her! A good idea would have been to give him a fake number. (2)

Pam shouldn't have given her telephone number to some strange guy .

She shouldn't have given him a fake number .