GRAMMAR WORKSHEET
SHOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE
for giving advice and expressing regret

Should Have
Use should have + past participle when you mean something (in the past) was a good idea, but you didn’t do it.
Examples:
(1) “I failed the test. I should have studied harder.”
(2) “Alice was late for class. She should have gotten up earlier.”

Shouldn’t Have
Use shouldn’t have + past participle when you mean something (in the past) wasn’t a good idea, but you did it anyway.
Examples:
(1) “I fell off my bicycle. I shouldn’t have been so careless.”
(2) “The dog bit Henry. He shouldn’t have kicked the dog.”

Complete the sentences. Use ‘should have’ or ‘shouldn’t have’ + past participles.

1. We got lost in Paris. We (take) ______________________________ a map.
2. My uncle is in jail. He (rob) ______________________________ a bank.
3. The flowers died. I (water) ______________________________ them more often.
4. I’m really hungry. I (eat) ______________________________ a bigger breakfast.
5. I fell into the water. I (be) ______________________________ more careful.
7. I’m broke. I (buy) ______________________________ a new car last week.
8. This hotel is terrible. I (stay) ______________________________ at another one.
9. It’s getting cold. We (bring) ______________________________ our jackets.
10. The movie was boring. We (watch) ______________________________ it.
11. I don’t like geography. I (study) ______________________________ math.
12. The kitchen is a mess! Steve (clean) ______________________________ it.
13. Tommy isn’t happy. I (laugh) ______________________________ at him.
15. Chocolate is better. I (choose) ______________________________ strawberry.
## Grammar Focus
Should Have + Past Participle

## Level
Intermediate (CEFR B1)

### ANSWER KEY

1. should have taken
2. shouldn’t have robbed
3. should have watered
4. should have eaten
5. should have been
6. shouldn’t have told
7. shouldn’t have bought
8. should have stayed
9. should have brought
10. shouldn’t have watched
11. should have studied
12. should have cleaned
13. shouldn’t have laughed
14. shouldn’t have opened
15. shouldn’t have chosen