PAST MODALS

- Modals are words that are always used the same way after all nouns or pronouns. They can be:
  - Should
  - Must
  - May
  - Would
  - Could
  - Might
WHEN ARE THEY USED?

• **Past Modals** are used in situations that happened in the past and we can’t change.
LET'S ANALYZE THEM...

- **Would:** It describes someone’s possible or imagined behavior in the past

- **Should:** To say what the right thing to do was in a situation in the past

- **Could:** To say what other possibilities there were for a situation or when there is some certainty
HERE ARE SOME MORE…

• **Must**: Of all the modals, this is the one that shows the strongest certainty about a situation

• **May and Might**: Indicate less certainty of a situation in the past
AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES

• Noun + modal + HAVE + verb (past participle)
  • She **should have told** him the truth
  • We **could have had** a great time
  • We **would have waited** for you if you had called.
  • They **might have had** a fight
NEGATIVE SENTENCES

• Noun + modal + not + have + verb (past participle)
• You shouldn´t have said that to him
• She couldn´t have gone too far. She´s just left
• We wouldn´t have finished without your help.
• They mustn´t have known about the problem
QUESTIONS

- (WH-QUESTION) + MODAL + NOUN + HAVE + VERB (PAST PARTICIPLE)...
- Would you have come on time last night?
- What should they have done in that situation?
- Where could they have gone?