

PRONNUNCIATION 4.18.18

Silent Letters

honest

receipt

island

answer

debt

would

ache

CONVERSATION 4.17.18

MODALS OF LOST OPPORTUNITY

- **could have / could've + past tense**

something was possible in the past, but it didn't happen.

- **could not have / couldn't have**

something that was not possible in the past, even if you wanted to do it.

EXAMPLES

could have / could've

- I **could have** moved to Iceland, but I decided to stay here.
- Julie **could have** bought the book, but she borrowed it from the library instead.
- He **could've** studied more, but he decided to watch TV instead.
- She **could have** gotten the job if she applied earlier.

could not have / couldn't have

- I **couldn't have** arrived any sooner. Traffic was terrible.
- Julie **could not have** borrowed the book from the library because she didn't have a library card.
- They **couldn't have** won the game without their coach.

REAL LIFE NEWS EXAMPLES

HEADLINE:

- **Two Missed Opportunities for Comey and how he could have triumphed instead.**

BODY:

- **By Comey's own admission, there were at least two serious lapses that involved things he did not say to President Trump during private meetings the two had. I'll recap what those lapses were, what Comey could have done instead**
- **Comey shows high character by admitting that he could have done better.**

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BODY:

- **Auckland Mayor Phil Goff has revealed he could have died after suffering a heart attack at the weekend and being rushed to Auckland Hospital where he underwent two operations.**

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HEADLINE:

- **Trump couldn't have picked a worse time to turn his back on South America.**

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MORE EXAMPLE PRACTICE:

- I **could have** traveled the world while I was unemployed, but I focused on getting a job instead.
- She **couldn't have** known he was allergic to eggs since they had never met before. Luckily, he checked to see what was in the recipe.
- It **could have** been a lot worse. We're just glad everyone is safe.

EXERCISE

Complete the following sentences with **could have** or **couldn't have**.

- 1.) He _____ gone to a doctor, but he didn't have health insurance.
- 2.) I was busy working late so I _____ made it to the movie anyways.
- 3.) Laura's date _____ gone better. It was love at first sight.
- 4.) James Comey _____ told the President no, but he didn't.
- 5.) We _____ opted¹ to get tacos but we chose to go to In-N-Out instead.

¹ Optado / 옵트드 / Opté

SONG LYRICS FOR THE DAY: **BLUE AIN'T YOUR COLOR** by *Keith Urban*

I can see you over there staring at your drink
Watchin' that ice sink all alone tonight
And chances are you're sittin' here in this bar
'Cause he ain't gonna treat you right
Well, it's probably not my place but I'm gonna say it anyway
'Cause you look like you haven't felt the fire
Had a little fun
Hadn't had a smile in a little while
Baby
Blue looks good on the sky
Looks good on that neon buzzin' on the wall
But darling, it don't match your eyes
I'm tellin' you
You don't need that guy
It's so black and white
He's stealin' your thunder
Baby, blue ain't your color
I'm not tryna
Be another just
Pick you up
Kinda guy
Tryna drink you up
Tryna take you home
But I just don't understand
How another man

Can take your sun
And turn it ice cold
Well, I've had enough to drink
And it's makin'
Me think that I just might
Tell you if I were a painter I wouldn't change ya
I'd just paint you bright
Baby
'Cause blue looks good on the sky
Looks good on that neon buzzin' on the wall
But darling, it don't match your eyes
I'm tellin' you
You don't need that guy
It's so black and white
He's stealin' your thunder
Baby, blue ain't your color
No no no
Blue ain't your colour baby
Blue looks good on the sky
Looks good on that neon buzzin' on the wall
But darling, it don't match your eyes
I'm tellin' you
You don't need that guy
It's so black and white
He's stealin' your thunder
Baby, blue ain't your color
Blue ain't your color, umm