

Verb Forms Exercise 2

Directions: For each verb tense below, first read the explanation along with the example; then, for the practice that follows the explanation, circle the correct form of the helping verb, and in the blank write the correct form of the given action verb. The first one in each group has been done for you:

Past modal perfect tense begins with any past tense modal (could, should, would, might) followed by “have,” plus a past tense action verb (regular verbs ending with –ed and many irregular verbs ending with –en). For example, *The bride’s maids could/should/would/might have seen* Gloria on the floor. It’s unknown if the bride’s maids saw Gloria on the floor sometime in the past, but it’s possible, necessary or likely that they did.

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| Scan | would (have) / has / had | scanned |
| Reorganize | could (has / have / had) | _____ |
| Enjoy | should (had / has / have) | _____ |
| Disappoint | might (had / have / has) | _____ |
| Choose | would (have / has / had) | _____ |
| Select | could (have / had / has) | _____ |
| Got | should (has / had / have) | _____ |
| Rise | might (has / have / had) | _____ |
| Scrub | would (had / have / has) | _____ |
| Inspect | could (has / have / had) | _____ |
| Keep | should (has / had / have) | _____ |

Present modal perfect tense begins with any present tense modal (will, may, shall, must) followed by “have,” plus the past tense of the action verb (regular verbs ending with –ed and many irregular verbs ending with –en). For example, *Gloria will/may/shall/ must have torn* her wedding dress. It’s unknown if Gloria will tear her dress prior to some designated point in the future, but it’s possible, necessary or likely that she will, OR it’s unknown if Gloria has torn the dress prior to some designated point in the past, but it’s possible, necessary or likely that she has.

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| Hammer | will (has (have) had) | hammered |
| Scale | may (had / have / has) | _____ |
| Snag | shall (has / had / have) | _____ |
| Tackle | must (has / have / had) | _____ |
| Deliver | will (have / has / had) | _____ |
| Wiggle | may (has / had / have) | _____ |
| Sneeze | shall (have / had / has) | _____ |
| Break | must (had / have / has) | _____ |
| Beat | will (have / has / had) | _____ |