



'I should have' or 'someone should have' is commonly expressed by combining the Imperfect Subjunctive of *haber* (*hubiera*) with the past participle (*-ado, -ido*). This is a soft expression without a blaming attitude.

*Yo hubiera ido.* = I should have gone.

*Él lo hubiera visto.* = He should have seen it.

*Hubiéramos comido.* = We should have eaten.

There is another way to express 'should have' using the verb *deber* in the Conditional plus the infinitive of *haber* and then the participle. This is more powerful and places responsibility.

You (*Ud.*) should have worked. = *Ud. debería haber trabajado.*

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**answers below**

1. He should have worked. \_\_\_\_\_
2. She should have given me the money. \_\_\_\_\_
3. We should have bought it (*m*). \_\_\_\_\_
4. They (*m*) should have arrived earlier. \_\_\_\_\_
5. You (*tú*) should have tried. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I should have written. \_\_\_\_\_
7. You all should have followed me. \_\_\_\_\_
8. You (*Ud.*) shouldn't have told her. \_\_\_\_\_
9. You (*tú*) should have seen it (*m*). \_\_\_\_\_
10. We should have gone with you (*tú*). \_\_\_\_\_
11. María should have put it in her bag. \_\_\_\_\_
12. They (*f*) should have done it (*m*) yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
13. She shouldn't have opened the present. \_\_\_\_\_
14. You (*tú*) should have paid the rent yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_

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| 1. Él hubiera trabajado.                | 8. Ud. no le hubiera dicho a ella.       |
| 2. Ella me hubiera dado el dinero.      | 9. Lo hubieras visto.                    |
| 3. Lo hubiéramos comprado.              | 10. Hubiéramos ido contigo.              |
| 4. Ellos hubieran llegado más temprano. | 11. María lo hubiera puesto en su bolsa. |
| 5. Hubieras tratado.                    | 12. Ellas lo hubieran hecho ayer.        |
| 6. Yo hubiera escrito.                  | 13. Ella no hubiera abierto el regalo.   |
| 7. Uds. me hubieran seguido.            | 14. Hubieras pagado la renta ayer.       |