

33 Past regrets

You can use "should have" or "ought to have" to talk about past mistakes. They both signal that you wish you had done something differently in the past.

-  **New language** "Should have" and "ought to have"
- Aa Vocabulary** Time markers
-  **New skill** Expressing regret about the past

33.1 FILL IN THE GAPS USING "SHOULD," "SHOULD NOT," OR "OUGHT"

Your company should have reduced its pollution levels.

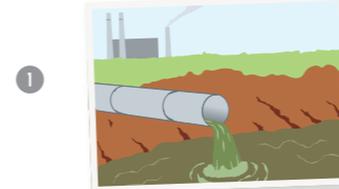
- 1 You _____ have separated your waste for recycling.
- 2 We _____ to have bought fair trade chocolate.
- 3 She _____ have wasted so much paper.
- 4 The company _____ have dumped their waste in the river.
- 5 They _____ have used wood from sustainable forests.
- 6 We _____ have found out about the risks beforehand.
- 7 You _____ have changed to energy-saving light bulbs.
- 8 He _____ have turned the lights off when he left.
- 9 They _____ to have reduced the amount of traveling their employees do.
- 10 We _____ have cut down so much of the rainforest.
- 11 You _____ to have drunk tap water instead of bottled water.
- 12 She _____ have showered for so long. She's wasting water!
- 13 They _____ have flown the goods halfway across the world.
- 14 We _____ to have talked to the local community about this.
- 15 Governments _____ have made a law to stop this happening.
- 16 We _____ have buried the waste in that landfill.
- 17 He _____ to have turned his computer off at night.
- 18 You _____ have stopped using new plastic bags every time you go shopping.

TIP
"Ought not to..."
is not incorrect,
but is not
commonly used.

33.2 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE SENTENCES



We should not have dumped the waste in the river.



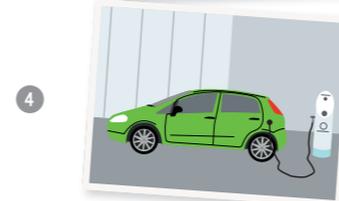
We ought to have dealt with the causes of climate change earlier.



We ought to have switched to greener cars sooner.



We should have protected the wildlife from the oil spill.



We should not have overfished the oceans.



We should not have used so many pesticides in these fields.



We should have thought about the effects of the mine on the river.