Language quiz
Fill in the gap with the correct past modal – could have / should have / might have / would have.

Example

*It was such a delicious cake! I ______ eaten the whole thing.*

*It was such a delicious cake! I could have eaten the whole thing.*

1. Lou fell off his bike but luckily he was ok – he ______ really hurt himself!

2. I'm exhausted. I ______ gone to bed earlier.

3. Sorry, I was really busy last week! Otherwise I ______ come to see you.

4. It was an amazing party! You ______ come, we missed you.

5. What a shame you didn't come to the theatre with us! You ______ really enjoyed the play, it was great.

6. It's strange that Anna's not here yet. She ______ forgotten we had a meeting.

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
Writing practice
Choose a topic and write a paragraph using could have / should have / might have / would have + past participle to talk about your past life choices.

- adventure
- education
- entertainment
- exercise
- family
- food
- friends
- hobbies
- romantic relationships
- travel
- work

Example
I studied Spanish at university. I could have studied another language but Spanish was my favourite. I loved my Spanish teacher! I should have stayed in touch with him. I tried emailing him last year but I got no reply. He might have retired by now. I wanted to thank him. I don’t know what I would have done without him!

Answers to exercise on page 1
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4. It was an amazing party! You should have come, we missed you.
5. What a shame you didn’t come to the theatre with us! You would have really enjoyed the play, it was great.
6. It’s strange that Anna’s not here yet. She might have forgotten we had a meeting.