

1.

A: My shoes are too new. Even though I wore thick socks, I got blisters.

B: You should only wear new shoes an hour a day until they're broken in.

A: I might not have bought the right size. Different brands vary in size.

B: You should have walked around in the store to check them out.

A: Right. I shouldn't have been in such a hurry to buy them.

B: You shouldn't have worn your new shoes all day. You're bound to have blisters if you do.

2.

A: Mary's computer crashed this morning. She lost all her documents.

B: That's terrible. Were her files backed up?

A: I'm afraid not. She found a company that promised they would retrieve some of them, but not all of them.

B: It's easy to see what she should have done.

A: She should have saved her files on a disk or on a CD.

B: Exactly. It would have spared her a lot of grief.

3.

A: Marvin forgot his wife's birthday again last week.

B: He shouldn't have forgotten it. That was a big mistake. Was his wife upset?

A: She was no where to be found the next day. She must have gone to her sister's house.

B: Marvin should have circled the date on his calendar to remind himself.

A: Not only did he forget her birthday, he also failed to remember their tenth wedding anniversary

B: Oh, no. He definitely shouldn't have let that one slip his mind.

4.

A: Sophia is unhappy in her job. Do you know what the problem is?

B: Her employer made her work two extra hours everyday last week without paying her more.

A: She should have gotten overtime pay. Why didn't she?

B: I don't know. She could have spoken to her union representative about it, but she didn't.

A: She must have been afraid to offend her employer, but come on, fair is fair.

B: She accepted that position a little too quickly. With her qualifications and experience, I think she could have done better.

5.

A: Vicky's a great tennis player, but she really played badly yesterday.

B: She lost the tournament, but she should have won.

A: She should have practiced more.

B: Also, she should have done more warm up exercises before the match. And, she went to a party the night before and drank too much.

A: She shouldn't have had alcohol the day before that important game.

B: She should have avoided parties until after the tournament.

6.

A: Boy, I'm really cold. It's freezing today.

B: You shouldn't have worn that short sleeve shirt.

A: I know. I should have put on a warm sweater.

B: You shouldn't have walked to school in this weather. You might have caught a cold.

A: I should have taken the bus. It's much warmer inside the bus.

B: You shouldn't have even thought about wearing sandals. Your toes must feel like ice.