

Should or Shouldn't Have

Look at the picture of Joseph on the right.

Where do you imagine he is coming from?

His bed?

In reality, he is coming from an important job interview!

His appointment with the interviewer was at 7:00 am, but he did not wake up early.

He did not take a shower and he showed up late and wearing pajamas.

Unfortunately, he did not get the job. Now he has been reflecting on what he did.



In your opinion, what **should** he **have done**?

Read these expressions about Joseph's lost job opportunity.

Notice that the structure:

should(n't) have + **verb in past participle**

Is used to express a situation where determined actions could have been more recommendable than the facts.

- *Joseph **should have eaten** early.*
- *He **should have taken** a shower.*
- *He **shouldn't have worn** the pajama.*
- *He **shouldn't have been** late.*