I Never Should've Left Tacoma

English · B2

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · should have + done (regret)

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

I should've stayed where the mountain watched over me.

should've is a form of **should**, "regret: it was right, but I didn't".

2 · LEARN IT

I should have gone	I didn't go	**I should've known**	should've = should have
I should have said hi	I didn't say hi	**I shouldn't have swiped**	but I did
we should have had a say	we didn't get one	**should I have asked?**	asking about the past
of course I should have	short answer		

3 · FIND IT

Circle every form of should. One line has none.

1. Everybody warned me that the grass is always greener,
2. I never should've left Tacoma, and I know that now.
3. I never should've left Tacoma,

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] I told my mother I'd be famous by the time I turned twenty-five,
- [ ] and she said she would leave the porch light on for me anyway.
- [ ] until I could get out of that gray and rainy town.
- [ ] When I was seventeen, I'd already been counting down the days
- [ ] I'd convinced myself that everything worth having was down south,

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ____ / 7

For parents: scan to play the song at home. The app is free to try.

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Grammar · Find it (2)

1 none 2 should've 3 should've

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

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For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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