Standard English

Have vs of

Have vs Of

- When we speak we often say 'should of' and 'could of'
- This is grammatically incorrect and not Standard English
- We should try and speak using Standard English and certainly write using Standard English.

would have...

would've is short for would have



could have...

could've is short for could have



should have...

should've is short for should have



Task: Write the correct contracted forms

Would Have, Could Have, Should Have

Do write and say would have, could have, should have.

Do not write and say would of, could of, should of.

would've is a contracted form of:
could've is a contracted form of:
should've is a contracted form of:

Task: Correct the sentences

Mia would of gone to the party if she'd been feeling well enough.
You should of gone to the toilet during break time.
My sister could of been a professional ballet dancer but she decided to become of singer instead.
The dog would of chased the cat if it hadn't have been busy eating its dinner.
We could of gone out for lunch but it's too late now.
Manchester United should of won the game but the referee made some terrible mistakes.

Task: Write sentences for each (remember to punctuate correctly)

would have	
wouldn't have	
could have	
couldn't have	
should have	
shouldn't have	