

should



should + base form
(**should do / should watch**, etc.):

I/we/you/they
he/she/it

should
shouldn't

do
stop
go
watch, etc.

B

You **should do** something = it is a good thing to do; it is the right thing to do:

- ☐ Tom doesn't study enough. He **should study** harder.
- ☐ It's a good movie. You **should go** and see it.
- ☐ When you play tennis, you **should** always **watch** the ball.

You **shouldn't do** something = it is not a good thing to do.

shouldn't = should not:

- ☐ Tom **shouldn't go** to bed so late.
- ☐ You watch TV all the time. You **shouldn't watch** TV so much.

C

We often say **I think ... should ...**:

- ☐ **I think** Rachel **should buy** some new clothes.
(= I think it is a good idea.)
- ☐ It's late. **I think** I **should go** home now.

I don't think ... should ...:

- ☐ **I don't think** you **should work** so hard.
(= I don't think it is a good idea.)

Do you think ... should ... ?:

- ☐ **Do you think** I **should buy** this hat?

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D

Should is different from **have to**.

- ☐ I **should** study tonight, but I think I'll go to the movies.
- ☐ I **have to** study tonight. I can't go to the movies.

E

Should I / Should we ... ? = Do you think this is a good idea?

- ☐ It's very warm in this room. **Should I open** the window?
- ☐ "Should I call you tonight?" "OK."
- ☐ It's a nice day. **Should we go** for a walk?
- ☐ What **should we have** for dinner?

We sometimes use **shall** in the same way:

- ☐ "Shall I call you tonight?" "OK."
- ☐ It's a nice day. **Shall we go** for a walk?

30.1 Complete the sentences. Use **you should** + these verbs:

eat go read visit ~~watch~~ wear

- When you play tennis, you should watch the ball.
- It's late, and you're very tired. to bed.
- plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- If you have time, the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- When you're driving, a seat belt.
- It's a very good book. it.

30.2 Write about the people in the pictures. Use **He/She shouldn't ... so ...**



- She shouldn't watch TV so much.
- He
- hard.
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30.3 You are not sure what to do, so you ask a friend. Use **Do you think I should ... ?**

- You are in a store. You are trying on a jacket. (buy?)
You ask your friend: Do you think I should buy this jacket?
- You can't drive. (learn?)
You ask your friend: Do you think
- You don't like your job. (get another job?)
You ask your friend:
- You are going to have a party. (invite Ryan?)
You ask your friend:

30.4 Write sentences with **I think ... should ...** or **I don't think ... should ...**

- We have to get up early tomorrow. (go home now) I think we should go home now.
- That coat is too big for you. (buy it) I don't think you should buy it.
- You don't need your car. (sell it)
- Amanda needs a change. (take a trip)
- Nicole and Dan are too young. (get married)
- You're still sick. (go to work)

30.5 What does Anne say to Kathy? Find the right answers.



KATHY



ANNE

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| 1 It's very warm in this room. | A If you want. Where should we go? |
| 2 Should I wait here? | B Yes, who should we invite? |
| 3 Should we have a party? | C No, should I go and get some? |
| 4 It's dark in this room. | D Should I open the window? |
| 5 Do you have any bread? | E Should I turn on the light? |
| 6 Should we go out? | F No, come with me. |

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