

should

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

I/we/you/they he/she/it	should shouldn't	do stop go watch, etc.
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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.

Do you think I should buy this hat?



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?

Exercises

Unit 30

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. **you should go** to bed.
- you should eat** plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- If you have time, **you should visit** the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- When you're driving, **you should wear** a seat belt.
- It's a very good book. **you should read** it.

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



- She shouldn't watch TV so much.** 3 **so** hard.
- He** 4 **so**

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

- It's very warm in this room.
Should I wait here?
- Should we have a party?
It's dark in this room.
- Do you have any bread?
Should we go out?

ANNE

- If you want. Where should we go?
- Yes, who should we invite?
- No, should I go and get some?
- Should I open the window?
- Should I turn on the light?
No, come with me.

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