

Should / Shouldn't

Advice and recommendations. 4 exercises + answer key

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Should + base verb (no 'to'). Same form for ALL subjects. Should = advice/recommendation. Shouldn't = not a good idea.

1 Exercise 1

EASY

Choose should or shouldn't.

Word bank: should / shouldn't

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| 1. You look exhausted. You ____ go to bed earlier. | 2. That film is terrible. You ____ waste your time on it. |
| 3. I have a headache. ____ I take an aspirin? | 4. He eats too much junk food. He ____ eat more vegetables. |
| 5. She drives too fast. She ____ slow down. | 6. The weather is perfect! We ____ go for a walk. |
| 7. You ____ be late for your interview. | 8. I think you ____ apologise. You were quite rude. |
| 9. He's really ill. He ____ go to work today. | 10. You ____ forget to save your work! |

2 Exercise 2

MEDIUM

Write should or shouldn't.

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| 1. You have a headache. You ____ take an aspirin. | 2. It's very cold outside. You ____ wear a coat. |
| 3. He smokes too much. He ____ really stop. | 4. She ____ eat so much fast food. It's really unhealthy. |
| 5. You're learning English. You ____ practise every day. | 6. The bus ____ be this late again. Third time this week! |
| 7. I think you ____ tell her the truth. | 8. Children ____ stay up past midnight on school nights. |
| 9. You ____ try this restaurant. The food is incredible! | 10. We ____ waste water. It's a precious resource. |

3 Exercise 3

HARDER

Choose the most natural modal: should, have to, mustn't, or don't have to.

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| 1. It's the law. You ____ wear a seatbelt. | 2. In my opinion, you ____ read this book. It's brilliant. |
| 3. You ____ use your phone here. It's strictly forbidden. | 4. I really feel I ____ apologise. I was awful to her. |
| 5. If you want to feel healthier, you ____ exercise more. | 6. He ____ shout at his colleagues like that. |
| 7. You ____ pay extra. Wi-Fi is included in the price. | 8. I think she ____ take the job. It sounds perfect for her. |
| 9. You ____ bring your passport. It's required by law. | 10. Doctors say people ____ sleep at least 7 hours a night. |

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Exercise 4

HARDEST

Write should or shouldn't.

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| <p>1. He ____ be so rude to the customers. It's very unprofessional.</p> <p>3. You ____ judge people before you really know them.</p> <p>5. You ____ drink and drive. It's extremely dangerous.</p> <p>7. We ____ throw rubbish on the street. It's bad for the environment.</p> <p>9. He eats junk food every day. He ____ eat more vegetables.</p> | <p>2. She ____ be so negative all the time. It affects everyone.</p> <p>4. I'm not sure what to do. What do you think I ____?</p> <p>6. I think you ____ apply for that job. You're perfect for it!</p> <p>8. In my view, the government ____ invest more in public transport.</p> <p>10. You ____ always check your work before submitting it.</p> |
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Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: should or shouldn't

1 should

2 shouldn't

3 Should

4 should

5 should

6 should

7 shouldn't

8 should

9 shouldn't

10 shouldn't

2 Exercise 2 Medium: write should/shouldn't

1 should

2 should

3 should

4 shouldn't

5 should

6 shouldn't

7 should

8 shouldn't

9 should

10 shouldn't

3 Exercise 3 Harder: choose the right modal

1 have to

2 should

3 mustn't

4 must

5 should

6 shouldn't

7 don't have to

8 should

9 have to

10 should

4 Exercise 4 Hardest: should or shouldn't

1 shouldn't

2 shouldn't

3 shouldn't

4 should

5 shouldn't

6 should

7 shouldn't

8 should

9 should

10 should