

should

A



should + infinitive (should do / should watch etc.):

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

(You) **should** do something = it is a good thing to do, it is the right thing to do:

- Tom **should go** to bed earlier. He goes to bed very late and he's always tired.
- It's a good film. You **should go** and see it.
- When you play tennis, you **should** always **watch** the ball.

C

(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.

D

We often use **think** with **should**:

I think ... should ... :

- **I think** Carol **should buy** some new clothes. (= I think it is a good idea.)
- It's late. **I think I should go** home now.
- A: Shall I buy this coat?
B: Yes, I **think you should**.

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

- **I don't think** you **should work** so hard. (= I don't think it is a good idea.)
- **I don't think** we **should go** yet. It's too early.

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

- **Do you think** I **should buy** this hat?
- What time **do you think** we **should go** home?



EXERCISES

33.1 Complete the sentences. Use **you should** + one of these verbs:

clean go take visit watch wear

- 1 When you play tennis, you should watch the ball.
- 2 It's late and you're very tired. to bed.
- 3 your teeth twice a day.
- 4 If you have time, the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- 5 When you're driving, a seat belt.
- 6 It's too far to walk from here to the station. a taxi.

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



- 1 She shouldn't watch TV so much.
- 2 He
- 3
- 4

33.3 You ask a friend for advice. Write questions with **Do you think I should ... ?**

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

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

- 1 It's late. (go home now) I think we should go home now.
- 2 That coat is too big for you. (buy it) I don't think you should buy it.
- 3 You don't need your car. (sell it)
- 4 Diane needs a rest. (have a holiday)
- 5 Sally and Colin are too young. (get married)
- 6 You're not well this morning. (go to work)
- 7 James isn't well today. (go to the doctor)
- 8 The hotel is too expensive for us. (stay there)

33.5 What do you think? Write sentences with **should**.

- 1 I think everybody should learn another language.
- 2 I think everybody
- 3 I think
- 4 I don't think
- 5 I think I should