

LESSON 120

652 “Should” and “ought to” for the past and future

We express the idea of past time with the modals “should” and “ought to” by following them with the word “have” and a past participle. For example, we say “I should have told her, but I forgot” or “He ought to have gone to the doctor yesterday, but he didn’t”. Notice that, if we say someone “should have done” or “ought to have done” something, it means that they did not, in fact, do it. The sentence “You should have phoned me” means that you did not, in fact, phone me.

How do we express the idea of past time with the modals “should” and “ought to”?

We express ... by following them with the word “have” and a past participle

Give me an example, please.

They ought to have gone to the police after the accident, but they didn’t

Is there anything you should have done yesterday but didn’t do?

Yes, there’s ... ~ No, there isn’t ...

If so, what?

What do I mean if I say that I ought to have called my mother yesterday?

If you say that ..., it means that you did not, in fact, call her

To express a future idea with “should” or “ought to”, we just use a word or phrase that expresses future time. For example, “I ought to go and see him tomorrow”.

How do we express a future idea with “should” or “ought to”?

We express a future ... by using a word or phrase that expresses future time

653 Give me some examples, please.

She should do it as soon as possible. They ought to arrive next week.

Is there anything you know you should do tomorrow but perhaps won’t do?

Yes, there’s something ...
~ No, there isn’t anything ...

If so, what?

polish

When your shoes are dirty, do you just clean them or do you polish them as well? When my shoes are dirty, I...

ability

Do you have any special ability that most people don't have? Yes, I have a ... ~ No, I don't have any ...

expense

What's the biggest expense in your daily life? The biggest ... is ...

postpone

What does the verb "to postpone" mean? The verb ... to delay something until a better time

Why are football matches sometimes postponed? Football matches ... due to bad weather

654 **stress**

stressful

Do you think people suffer from stress more these days than they used to? Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

Name some situations that people normally find stressful. Some situations that ... are arguments, examinations, job interviews etc.

afterwards

The word "afterwards" expresses the idea of "after that". For example, "Shall we have dinner now? Afterwards, we can watch a film on TV if you like".

What does the word "afterwards" express?

The word "afterwards" expresses the idea of "after that"

Give me an example, please.

They got married, but separated soon afterwards

first of all

When we're painting a room, what is it important to do first of all?

When we're ..., first of all it's important to cover the furniture so that it doesn't get paint on it

attend

shopkeeper

Until what age must a child attend school?

A child must attend school until the age of ...

Why should shopkeepers always try to be polite when they attend to customers?

Shopkeepers should ... because they want the customers to come back again

655 Do you attend to everything the teachersays during the lesson? Yes, I attend to ... ~ No, I don't attend to ...

move

tear

What would you say was the most moving event you've ever seen?

I'd say the most ... was ...

What kind of things move people to tears?

The kind of things that ... are music, sad films, weddings etc.

Making requests

pass

There are many ways of requesting that somebody does something, but one common way is to say "Can you ...?" or "Could you ...?" In a request, "could" is more polite than "can", and so we often use "could" when we are speaking to people we don't know very well. For example, we say "Excuse me, could you tell me the way to the station, please?"

Tell me one common way of making a request, please.

One common way ... is to say "Can you ...?" or "Could you ...?"

Which is more polite: "can" or "could"?

"Could" is more polite than "can"

Give me an example, please.

Could you possibly lend me
your pen for a second, please?

Another common way of making a request is to say "Do you mind ...?" or "Would you mind ...?" For example, "Do you mind opening the window, please?" or "Would you mind moving your chair a little, please?" The difference is that "Would you mind ...?" is perhaps more polite. Notice that we put a gerund after the verb "mind" in this type of request.

656 Tell me another common way of making a request, please.

Another common way ... is to say
"Do you mind ...?" or "Would you mind ...?"

Would you say: "Do you mind ...?" or "Would you mind ...?" if you
wanted to be especially polite?

I would say
"Would you mind ...?" if I ...

Give me an example, please.

Would you mind
passing me that book, please?

spoil – spoilt – spoilt

discipline

What'd you do if you wanted to spoil someone's pleasure in eating their
lunch?

If I wanted to ..., I'd talk
about something unpleasant

Do spoilt children usually lack discipline?

Yes, spoilt children ...

hunger

share

If you were dying of hunger, would you share your last piece of food with
another dying person?

Yes, if I were ...,
I'd ... ~ No, if I were ..., I wouldn't ...

Why do brothers and sisters often share bedrooms when they're young?

Brothers and sisters ...
because there aren't enough bedrooms,
they're afraid of sleeping on their own in the dark etc.

Have you got any shares in any companies?

Yes, I've got some ...
~ No, I haven't got any ...

657 **Idiom 21**

i don't know if I'm coming or going = I am confused (usually because different things are happening at the same time)

e.g. I've got so many problems and so much work to do that I just don't know if I'm coming or going.

What does the idiom "i don't know if I'm coming or going" mean?

The idiom ... "I am confused"

Give me an example, please.

Don't ask her to help; she's so busy that she doesn't know if she's coming or going at the moment



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