

1 You use *should* or *ought to* to talk about the right thing to do in a situation:

Jane's in hospital. We **should** visit her.

You **should** go and see that film. It's great.

We **ought to** leave now, it's getting late.

You **ought to** be polite to people you don't know.

You use ***should not* (or *shouldn't*)**, and ***ought not to*** when it is not the right thing to do:

Children **shouldn't** go to bed late.

You **shouldn't** eat too much chocolate, it's bad for you.

If you don't like people, you **ought not to** be a teacher.

2 You can use *should* or *ought to* when you are giving someone advice about what to do:

You **should** see a doctor if you are in pain.

You **ought to** buy a new car. Yours is dangerous.

You **should** spend your money carefully.

For advice about what not to do, you use ***shouldn't*** or ***ought not to***:

You **shouldn't** drink and drive.

You **ought not to** smoke so much.

3 You can also use *I think ... should* and *I think ... ought to* to give your opinion. The negative is *I don't think ... should/ought to ...*:

I think we **ought to** go now.

Do you think I **should** buy the red or the blue dress?

My friends **don't think** I **should** go to Britain next year.

4 You can also use *had better* + infinitive or *'d better* (negative *had better not* + infinitive) to give your opinion or some advice:

A Match the sentence parts:

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| 1 If you feel hot | you should put the heating on. |
| 2 If you are cold | you ought to see a doctor. |
| 3 If you feel hungry | you should see a dentist. |
| 4 If you feel sleepy | you should go to bed now. |
| 5 If you don't feel well | you ought to open the window. |
| 6 If your teeth hurt | you should have something to eat. |
| 7 If you don't understand something | you should ask for help. |

B Write one piece of positive advice and one piece of negative advice using *should* or *shouldn't* for these situations:

- 1 In a hospital (be calm) (make a lot of noise)

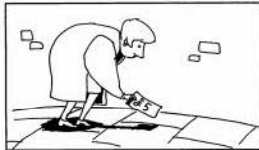
- 2 At work (arrive late) (work hard)

- 3 On the motorway (drive carefully) (drive close to the car in front)

- 4 In the library (play music) (work in silence)

Now rewrite your answers using *ought to* and *ought not to*.**C Look at the pictures, then give your friend advice using *I think you should ...* or *I don't think you should ...* :**

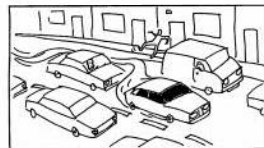
- 1 I've got an exam tomorrow morning. What should I do?



- 3 I found a small sum of money on the ground this morning. What should I do?



- 5 I've been invited to a party by a group of people I don't really know. But my favourite film is on tv. What should I do?



- 2 I saw someone driving dangerously in town. What should I do?



- 4 The person next to me in the exam was cheating. What should I do?



- 6 I need a holiday. I have enough money for either a weekend in New York, or a week in Scotland. I can't decide. Where should I go?