

should

A

You **shouldn't** watch TV so much.

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

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| 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 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.

Should I/we do something? = is it a good thing to do?

- **Should I invite** Karen to dinner?
- **Should we make** something special for dinner?

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 say **I think ... should ...**:

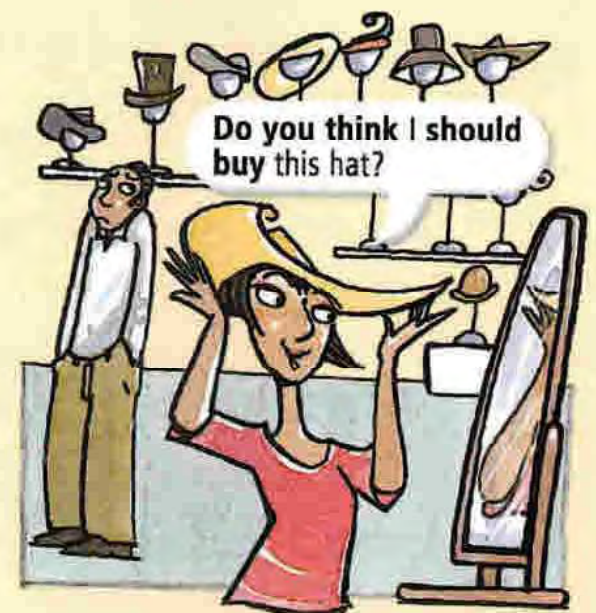
- **I think** Lisa **should buy** some new clothes.
(= I think it is a good idea.)
- It's late. **I think I should go** home now.
- A: Shall I buy this coat?
B: Yes, **I think you should**.

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?



E

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.

F

Another way to say **should** is **ought to**:

- I **ought to study** tonight, but I think I'll go to the movies. (= I should study)
- I think Lisa **ought to buy** some new clothes. (= Lisa should buy)

33.1 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. _____ to bed.
- _____ plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- If you have time, _____ the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- When you're driving, _____ a seat belt.
- It's a very good book. _____ it.

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



- She shouldn't watch TV so much.
- He _____
- _____ hard.
- _____

33.3 You are not sure what to do, so you ask a friend. Write questions with *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 Gary?)
You ask your friend: _____

33.4 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) _____
- Karen needs a change. (take a trip) _____
- Sally and Dan are too young. (get married) _____
- You're still sick. (go to work) _____
- James isn't feeling well today. (go to the doctor) _____
- The hotel is too expensive for us. (stay there) _____

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

- I think everybody should learn another language.
- I think everybody _____
- I think _____
- I don't think _____
- I think I _____