

Should: Practice Worksheet

Advice • expectations • should be doing • should have done

Name: _____

Date: _____

Quick reminder: should + infinitive • should be + -ing • should have + past participle

Exercise 1 – Should, shouldn't or must?

Complete each sentence with *should*, *shouldn't* or *must*.

1. You _____ check your answers before you hand in the test.
2. You _____ believe everything you read on social media.
3. Drivers _____ stop at a red light.
4. If you want to sleep better, you _____ avoid coffee late in the evening.
5. We _____ be rude to people just because we disagree with them.
6. You _____ wear a seat belt in a car. It is required by law.
7. I think you _____ talk to your teacher about the problem.
8. People _____ leave valuables where everyone can see them.

Exercise 2 – Use the verb in brackets

Complete each sentence with the correct form using *should* or *shouldn't*.

1. You _____ more water during hot weather. (drink)
2. The bus _____ here in about ten minutes. (be)
3. It's nearly midnight. The children _____ by now. (sleep)
4. I don't think you _____ your job without another plan. (leave)
5. She _____ at the moment, so perhaps we shouldn't call her. (work)
6. What _____ if the computer stops working again? (I / do)
7. Everyone _____ with respect. (treat)
8. You _____ so much about one small mistake. (worry)

Exercise 3 – Should do or should be doing?

Choose the form that best fits the meaning.

1. You _____ more if you want to improve your English. (practise)
2. You have an exam tomorrow. You _____ now. (revise)
3. Mark usually finishes work at five, so he _____ home now. (drive)
4. We _____ more exercise in general. (do)
5. It's 9.30. The meeting _____ by now. (start)
6. You _____ your phone while I'm explaining this. (not / check)

Exercise 4 – Should have / shouldn't have

Complete the sentences with *should have* or *shouldn't have* and the verb in brackets.

1. I _____ your advice. You were right. (listen to)
2. We _____ the tickets last week when they were cheaper. (buy)
3. You _____ her secret to everyone. (tell)
4. They _____ the weather forecast before going hiking. (check)
5. I _____ so much cake. Now I feel ill. (eat)
6. He _____ earlier if he wanted to catch the first train. (leave)
7. We _____ so much money on things we didn't need. (spend)
8. She _____ the email more carefully before sending it. (read)

Exercise 5 – Rewrite the sentence

Rewrite each sentence using *should*, *shouldn't*, *should have* or *shouldn't have*. Keep the meaning as close as possible.

1. It would be a good idea for you to book a table in advance.

2. It was a mistake to ignore the warning.

3. I think it is a bad idea for them to drive in this weather.

4. It would have been better if we had taken a map.

5. I expect Anna to arrive before six.

6. It is a good idea to practise speaking English regularly.

Exercise 6 – Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence contains one mistake with *should*. Write the correct sentence.

1. You should to call your parents more often.

Correction: _____

2. She should be study for her exam now.

Correction: _____

3. I should have went to bed earlier.

Correction: _____

4. They shouldn't have spend so much money.

Correction: _____

5. Should I to send him another message?

Correction: _____

6. You should have told me yesterday, but you tell me this morning.

Correction: _____

Answer Key

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Exercise 1

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| 1. should | 5. shouldn't |
| 2. shouldn't | 6. must |
| 3. must | 7. should |
| 4. should | 8. shouldn't |

Exercise 2

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. should drink | 5. should be working |
| 2. should be | 6. should I do |
| 3. should be sleeping | 7. should be treated |
| 4. should leave | 8. shouldn't worry |

Exercise 3

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. should practise | 4. should do |
| 2. should be revising | 5. should be starting |
| 3. should be driving | 6. shouldn't be checking |

Exercise 4

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| 1. should have listened to | 5. shouldn't have eaten |
| 2. should have bought | 6. should have left |
| 3. shouldn't have told | 7. shouldn't have spent |
| 4. should have checked | 8. should have read |

Exercise 5

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| 1. You should book a table in advance. | 4. We should have taken a map. |
| 2. You shouldn't have ignored the warning. | 5. Anna should arrive before six. |
| 3. They shouldn't drive in this weather. | 6. You should practise speaking English regularly. |

Exercise 6

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| 1. You should call your parents more often. | 4. They shouldn't have spent so much money. |
| 2. She should be studying for her exam now. | 5. Should I send him another message? |
| 3. I should have gone to bed earlier. | 6. You should have told me yesterday, but you told me this morning. |

Teacher note: For Exercise 5, other grammatically correct answers with the same meaning are also acceptable.