



The Modal Verb SHOULD

Practice Exercises (B1–B2)

Exercise 1 – Choose the correct option

Choose the correct answer.

1. You look tired. You _____ go to bed earlier.

- a) should
- b) should have
- c) shouldn't have

2. I failed the test. I _____ studied more.

- a) should
- b) should have
- c) shouldn't

3. It's 8 a.m. He _____ be at work by now.

- a) should
- b) should have
- c) shouldn't have

4. That was dangerous. You _____ done that.

- a) should
- b) shouldn't
- c) shouldn't have

5. This hotel is excellent. You _____ stay here.

- a) should have
- b) should
- c) shouldn't

6. She missed the train. She _____ left earlier.

- a) should
- b) should have
- c) shouldn't



7. Don't tell him — he _____ know yet.

- a) should
- b) shouldn't
- c) shouldn't have

8. I have a headache. I _____ drunk so much last night.

- a) shouldn't
- b) shouldn't have
- c) should

Exercise 2 – Complete the sentences

Use should / shouldn't / should have / shouldn't have.

1. You _____ apologise to her.
2. I'm tired. I _____ go to bed earlier tonight.
3. He's angry. He _____ spoken to her like that.
4. We missed the bus. We _____ left the house earlier.
5. It's cold outside. You _____ wear a jacket.
6. She looks upset. You _____ ask her what's wrong.
7. I feel awful today. I _____ eaten that whole pizza.
8. This package is late. It _____ have arrived yesterday.

Exercise 3 – Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite using should or should have.

1. It was a mistake that I didn't call her.

→ I _____

2. It's a good idea for you to see a doctor.

→ You _____

3. It was wrong of him to say that.

→ He _____

4. It's 10 o'clock. It's strange that they're not here yet.



→ They _____

5. It would have been better if we had booked earlier.

→ We _____

Exercise 4 – Correct the mistakes

Each sentence contains one mistake. Find it and correct it.

1. You should to study more.
2. I should went to bed earlier.
3. She shouldn't have say that.
4. They should have arrive by now.
5. You shouldn't to talk to him like that.

Exercise 5 – Writing (Exam-style)

Write 4–5 sentences giving advice in this situation:

Your friend is tired, stressed, works too much, and doesn't sleep enough.

Give them advice using should and shouldn't.



ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1: 1 a, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b

Exercise 2 (sample answers)

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

Exercise 3 (possible answers)

1. I should have called her.
2. You should see a doctor.
3. He shouldn't have said that.
4. They should be here by now.
5. We should have booked earlier.

Exercise 4

1. You should study more.
2. I should have gone to bed earlier.
3. She shouldn't have said that.
4. They should have arrived by now.
5. You shouldn't talk to him like that.