

Advanced Uses of Should in English

B2-C1 Practice Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Grammar focus: should after verbs and adjectives, the subjunctive form, formal conditionals, and common mistakes with suggest and recommend.

Before you begin: This worksheet is for learners who already understand basic uses of should for advice, expectations and past regret. The exercises below practise more formal and advanced structures.

A. Choose the correct option

Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. The teacher suggested that we ____ the essay before Friday. a) finish b) finishing c) to finish
2. The doctor recommended that he ____ more rest. a) gets b) should get c) to get
3. The committee demanded that the decision ____ immediately. a) be reviewed b) reviewed c) to review
4. I suggested ____ a different approach. a) trying b) to try c) that trying
5. It is essential that every candidate ____ the instructions carefully. a) should read b) to read c) reading
6. Should you ____ any problems, please contact reception. a) have b) will have c) having
7. It is strange that he ____ so upset about a small mistake. a) should be b) to be c) being
8. The manager insisted that everyone ____ on time. a) should arrive b) arriving c) to arrive
9. I was surprised that she ____ such a generous offer. a) should refuse b) refusing c) to refuse
10. Should the situation ____, we will inform you immediately. a) change b) will change c) changing

B. Rewrite the sentences using should

Rewrite each sentence using should. Keep the meaning the same.

1. The teacher recommended that the students revise the vocabulary regularly.

2. The manager proposed that the meeting be postponed until Monday.

3. It is essential that everyone arrive before 9 a.m.

4. The citizens demanded that the noise be reduced.

5. It is important that the documents be checked carefully.

6. The doctor advised her to avoid stress for a few days.

7. The committee suggested that more money be spent on public transport.

8. It is vital that children feel safe at school.

C. Use the subjunctive form

Rewrite each sentence without should. Use the base form of the verb.

1. I suggested that he should apologise to his colleague.

2. They insisted that the report should be completed by Friday.

3. It is necessary that every student should submit the form.

4. The manager requested that the files should be sent immediately.

5. It is essential that the information should be accurate.

6. The proposal recommended that the old system should be replaced.

D. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence contains a mistake with should, suggest, recommend or formal conditionals. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. I suggested him to apply for the job.

2. The teacher recommended me to read more articles in English.

3. Should you will need help, call us.

4. It is important that he studies every day. (Use a more formal structure.)

5. She suggested to change the plan.

6. Should the weather will change, the event will be cancelled.

7. The manager insisted that everyone to attend the meeting.

8. It is strange that she to refuse such a good opportunity.

E. Formal conditionals with should

Rewrite the sentences using Should at the beginning.

1. If you need any help, please contact reception.

2. If there are any delays, passengers will be informed.

3. If you require further information, please email us.

4. If the weather changes, we will cancel the trip.

5. If you wish to cancel your booking, please inform us in writing.

6. If any problems arise, we will deal with them immediately.

F. Sentence transformations

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. The teacher said it would be a good idea for us to revise the grammar again.

SHOULD

The teacher suggested that _____.

2. If you need any further information, please contact the office.

SHOULD

_____, please contact the office.

3. I think it is surprising that he rejected the invitation.

SHOULD

It is surprising that _____.

4. The committee said that the old rules needed to be changed.

SHOULD

The committee recommended that _____.

5. She said we could try a different method.

SUGGESTED

She _____.

6. It is necessary for every applicant to bring identification.

SHOULD

It is necessary that _____.

7. If the situation changes, we will let you know.

SHOULD

_____, we will let you know.

8. The doctor said that he needed to take more exercise.

RECOMMENDED

The doctor _____.

G. Short writing practice

Write 4-5 sentences using at least three advanced structures with should. Choose one situation.

Choose one situation:

- A school wants to improve students' exam results.
- A company wants to reduce stress at work.
- A city council wants to improve public transport.

Answer Key

Some answers may vary. Suggested answers are given below.

A. Choose the correct option

1. a) finish
2. b) should get
3. a) be reviewed
4. a) trying
5. a) should read
6. a) have
7. a) should be
8. a) should arrive
9. a) should refuse
10. a) change

B. Rewrite the sentences using should

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2. The manager proposed that the meeting should be postponed until Monday.
3. It is essential that everyone should arrive before 9 a.m.
4. The citizens demanded that the noise should be reduced.
5. It is important that the documents should be checked carefully.
6. The doctor advised that she should avoid stress for a few days. / The doctor advised her that she should avoid stress for a few days.
7. The committee suggested that more money should be spent on public transport.
8. It is vital that children should feel safe at school.

C. Use the subjunctive form

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2. They insisted that the report be completed by Friday.
3. It is necessary that every student submit the form.
4. The manager requested that the files be sent immediately.
5. It is essential that the information be accurate.
6. The proposal recommended that the old system be replaced.

D. Correct the mistakes

1. I suggested that he should apply for the job. / I suggested that he apply for the job. / I suggested applying for the job.
2. The teacher recommended that I should read more articles in English. / The teacher recommended that I read more articles in English. / The teacher recommended reading more articles in English.
3. Should you need help, call us.
4. It is important that he should study every day. / It is important that he study every day.
5. She suggested changing the plan. / She suggested that we should change the plan. / She suggested that we change the plan.
6. Should the weather change, the event will be cancelled.

7. The manager insisted that everyone should attend the meeting. / The manager insisted that everyone attend the meeting.
8. It is strange that she should refuse such a good opportunity.

E. Formal conditionals with should

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F. Sentence transformations

1. The teacher suggested that we should revise the grammar again.
2. Should you need any further information, please contact the office.
3. It is surprising that he should have rejected / should reject the invitation.
4. The committee recommended that the old rules should be changed.
5. She suggested trying a different method. / She suggested that we should try a different method.
6. It is necessary that every applicant should bring identification.
7. Should the situation change, we will let you know.
8. The doctor recommended that he should take more exercise. / The doctor recommended taking more exercise.