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WHAT'S THE MATTER?

GRAMMAR 



“Should” and “Shouldn’t”

Use “should” or “shouldn’t” to give advice or suggestions.

Examples:

- A: I’ve had a really bad headache for the past week.
B: That’s not good. You **should** go to the doctor.
- A: I want to make more friends, but I don’t know how.
B: First of all, you **shouldn’t** spend so much time on the computer. You **should** go out and join a club or start playing sports instead.
- A: I had a fight with my best friend. What **should** I do?
B: Hmm... I think you **should** call her and apologise.

We use “shouldn’t” to advise someone not to do something – for bad or wrong.

Examples:

- You **shouldn’t** ignore your health.
- Lim **shouldn’t** be playing with fire.
- Mr Ross **shouldn’t** worry so much.

We use the modal “should” to say something right/give advice/make recommendation. It is used with a base verb.

Examples:

- You **should** take a break from work.
- Faris **should** have stayed at home.
- What **should** we do if there’s an emergency?
- Should** he go to the clinic?