

Should

We use **should** to give opinions and advice.

Subject	should (not)	Base form
I / he / she / it / we / you / they	should shouldn't	tell him. be here.

We **should** get a taxi.

You **shouldn't** do that.

We form questions like this.

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Should	I / he / she / it / we / you / they	leave? open it?

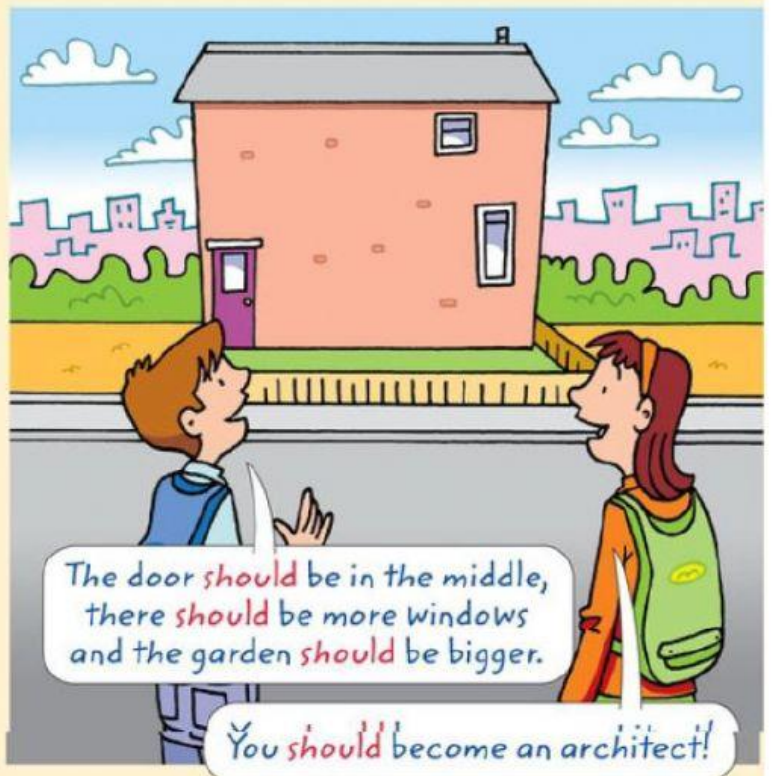
Should I tell Dave? Yes, you **should**.

What should I do?

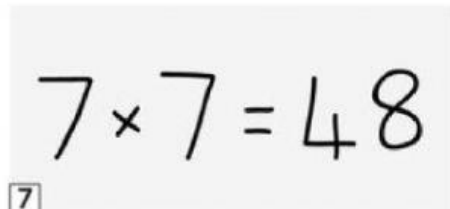
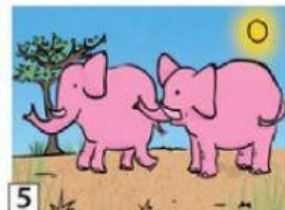
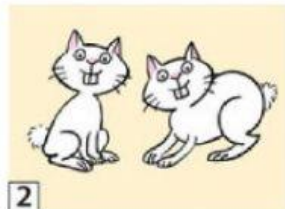
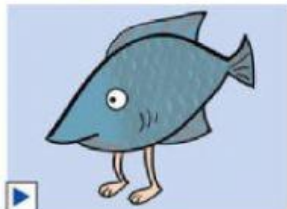
We often use **I think ...** and **I don't think ...** with **should**.

I think he should leave now.

I don't think you should eat a lot of sweets.



*1 17.1 Look and read. Circle the correct answers. Then listen and check.



▶ The fish **should** / **shouldn't** have legs.

1 The clock **should** / **shouldn't** have twelve numbers.

2 They **shouldn't** have short / long ears.

3 It **should** / **shouldn't** have six numbers.

4 It **should** have two / four legs.

5 They **shouldn't** be pink / grey.

6 The diary **should** / **shouldn't** say 'Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday'.

7 The answer **should** be 49 / 48.



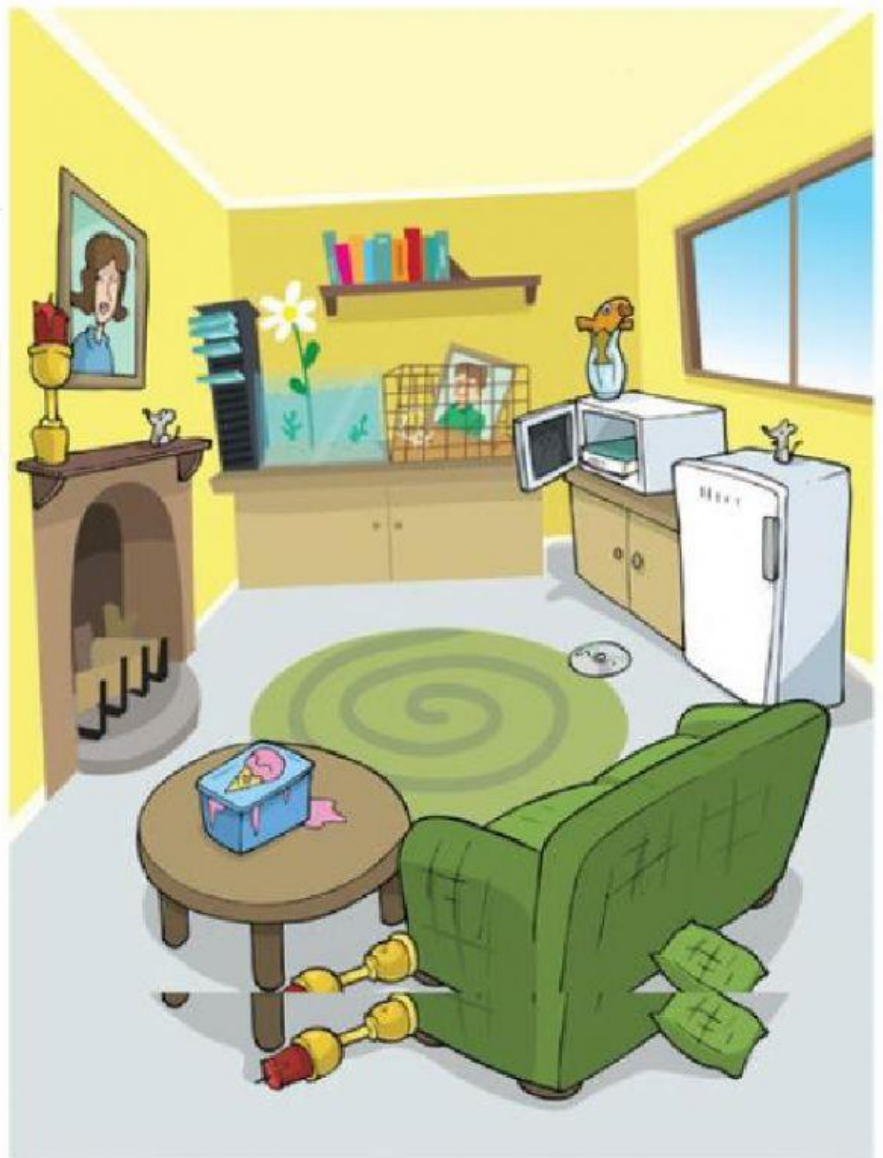
Work in pairs. Look. How many things are in the wrong place? Where should they be?

in / on the ...

cage sofa vase fish tank fridge microwave
CD rack mantelpiece wall shelf floor table

The cushion should be on the sofa.

And the fish ...



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



► It's cold outside. You should wear (wear) a hat.

1 I _____ (eat) any more chocolate. I'll feel sick.

2 _____ (I / stand) up or sit down?

3 You _____ (sit) so close to the TV. It's bad for your eyes.

4 You _____ (touch) that. The paint's not completely dry yet.

5 That was very kind of him. You _____ (write) a thank-you letter.

6 You _____ (do) what you promised to do.

7 I don't think they _____ (be) in the swimming pool.

8 _____ (she / tell) the teacher?

9 He _____ (do) that. It's very dangerous.

10 _____ (we / leave) now?



Read the text messages and write replies. Give advice.

Hi, I'm really worried about the exam tomorrow. I think I'm going to stay up all night and study. Jenny

Hi, Can you believe this? I found a purse in the street today – and it's got LOTS of money in it! Vicky says I should take it to the police. What do you think? Ed

Hi, I need your advice. Tim was copying answers from Charlie's paper in the exam today. Should I tell Mr Paul? Polly