



Be Supposed To

Sometimes "it is supposed to..." = **it is said to...**

Sometimes "be supposed to" has a different meaning. It means supposed to happen = it is planned, arranged or expected. Often this is different from what *really* happens.

'be + not supposed to' often suggests that something is not allowed or prohibited.

- a. It **is supposed to** be the most delicious steak in town.
- b. We **were supposed to** go to the party but we got an important meeting.
- c. She **is supposed to** finish her homework so she can't come with us.
- d. You're **not supposed to** tell it. It's a secret.
- e. She's **not supposed to** eavesdrop our conversation.

A. Fill in the blanks with the provided words.

1. She was supposed to _____ here at 4 pm.
2. My brother was not supposed to _____ his friend's toys.
3. We are supposed to _____ swimming but it's raining hard right now.
4. Students are supposed to _____ to the teacher's explanation.
5. I'm supposed to _____ groceries this Sunday.
6. They are not supposed to _____ off the event. So many people have bought the tickets.
7. I'm supposed to _____ in at the airport at eight.
8. Brothers and sisters are supposed to _____ along.
9. Those college students are supposed to _____ in the tasks by Friday.
10. He is supposed to _____ surgery immediately.



B. Write your opinions about the sentences below using "be supposed to".

1. My neighbor parked his car in front of my house.
He was supposed to park his car in his own garage.
2. Ruby was late.
3. The party is held at a five-star hotel.
4. The market is open at 7.
5. My little sister gets measles.
6. We will have a music concert next year.

C. Mix and match the following sentences.

Part A

1. He was supposed to call me back.
2. The kids were supposed to do chores.
3. Raphael is not supposed to bring heavy stuffs.
4. Eleanor was supposed to wear a red dress.
5. Dean was supposed to go to cinema with us.
6. The letter was supposed to arrive yesterday.
7. I'm supposed to bring cell phone charger.
8. It's supposed to be cheap.

Part B

- a. Because he's just got a surgery.
- b. But I don't think it is.
- c. But I left it at home.
- d. But he is sick.
- e. But I haven't got it.
- f. But he didn't.
- g. But they forgot.
- h. Because it was written on the invitation.



D. Read the following situation and make sentences using "be supposed to".



Gabriel's parents are going to have a business trip for 2 nights outside the city. So she will stay with her 12-year-old sister and 9-year-old brother. The night before their parents come home, Gabriel's sister got a fever. She wants to call Aunt Doris but it's already late at night. On the other hand, her sister is getting worse. What is Gabriel supposed to do?

Example: He is supposed to take care of his siblings.