

MODALS

Should Summary Chart

Modal Verbs Uses of Should: Advice or Suggestion - Your hair is too long. You should get a haircut. Situation likely in the present - Mary should be at home now. Give her a call. Likely in the future (prediction) - They should win tonight, they're a better team. Should + have + past participle <i>Meaning: The subject did not fulfill their obligation in the past or did not act responsibly.</i> - You should have given your boss the report yesterday when he asked for it. Should + be + verb-ing <i>Meaning: The subject is not fulfilling their obligation now or is not acting sensibly.</i> - You should be wearing your seatbelt. - We should be studying for the test right now.	Should SHOULD vs. OUGHT TO Should can be replaced by ought to without a change in meaning. - You ought to study more. = - You should study more. Note: ought to sounds more formal than should and is used less frequently. We use SHOULDN'T to advise not to do something, usually because it is bad or wrong. - You shouldn't throw your litter onto the street. - He shouldn't play with those wires if he doesn't know what he is doing. - You shouldn't work so much.
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Practice 1

Complete the following sentences with **should** or **should not**.

- Listen to that music! Our neighbors _____ play music that loud at this hour.
- If your tooth is still hurting you tomorrow, you _____ go to the dentist's.
- Cathy _____ keep ringing her ex-boyfriend. I think he is with another girl now.
- Before going to Madrid for your holidays, you _____ try and learn something of the language. You will enjoy things a lot more.
- You _____ always knock on the door before entering. This is a private office.
- We _____ bring something to Kate's party. I'll feel really embarrassed otherwise.
- That model on the TV is too skinny. She _____ eat more, I think!
- Lizzie _____ ask Bryan to help her with her studies. He did the same course last year.
- Pregnant women _____ smoke as it can damage the baby.
- We _____ leave too late tomorrow if we want to reach the beach before lunch.

