

The Open Window

Part 1

4 Listen to the beginning of Part One and choose the best answer A, B or C.

- 1 The doctor told Framton
A ☐ to leave the city.
B ☐ to relax.
C ☐ to go and stay with his sister.

- 2 Framton Nuttel decided to go to the
A ☐ country.
B ☐ city.
C ☐ theatre.

- 3 Mrs Sappleton's niece was called
A ☐ Sarah.
B ☐ Clara.
C ☐ Vera.

- 4 Mrs Sappleton's tragedy happened exactly
A ☐ a week ago.
B ☐ three years ago.
C ☐ four years ago.

- 5 Mrs Sappleton's husband and brothers fell into
A ☐ a lake.
B ☐ a trap.
C ☐ a bog.

Go back to the text

1 Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- | | T | F |
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| a. Framton Nuttel knows Mrs Sappleton very well. | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. Framton Nuttel wants to meet new people. | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. Framton's sister was in that part of the country two years ago. | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. Mrs Sappleton's husband went hunting three years ago, and he never came back home. | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. Mrs Sappleton's two elder brothers also disappeared with Mr Sappleton. | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. Vera sometimes has the feeling that they will come back. | ☐ | ☐ |

You should meet some nice people

We can use **should** and **ought to** to give advice and to express our opinions about things. They are not as strong as **must** and **have to**.

- You **ought to** drive more slowly. = It would be a good idea if you drove more slowly.
- They **ought not to** eat so much. = It would be a good idea if they did not eat so much.
- You **shouldn't** talk about other people's problems. = It's a good idea not to talk about other people's problems.

Notice that **ought** is followed by **to** while **should** isn't.

The contracted form of the negative of **should** is **shouldn't**.

The contracted form of the negative of **ought**, **oughtn't**, is possible but not very common.

- 4 Complete the sentences below using **should** or **ought to**. You must decide whether the sentences are negative or affirmative.

Example: *Framton drinks three cups of coffee a day. He is nervous and can't sleep at night. I think that Framton **shouldn't drink so much coffee**. (should/drink).*

- Framton, you work six days a week, 10 hours a day.
You're exhausted. You hard. (*should/work*)
- You are a bit overweight, Charles.
You junk food. (*should/eat*)
- He will do poorly in the exam because he doesn't study enough.
He (*ought/study*)
- You always spend your time alone at home.
You (*ought/go out*)
- I think Phil's girlfriend is a vegetarian. Maybe I
and check. I don't want to prepare something that she can't eat.
(*ought/call*)
- My sister is terrible. You never
..... her anything because she can't keep secrets.
(*should/tell*)

- g. If you come to my house, call before. I there
but I may have to go out. (*should/be*)
- h. You horror films if they frighten you so much.
(*ought/watch*)
- i. We if we don't want to miss the train. It
leaves in ten minutes. (*ought/hurry*)
- j. Charlotte and William are getting married next month. However,
they are always fighting. In my opinion, they
(*ought/get married*)
- k. We a problem with this any more because we
have studied it well. (*should/have*)