

SHOULD

USE: General advice.

Grammar:
Subject + should + base verb

Example: "You should study more."



OUGHT TO

USE: Formal or strong advice.

Grammar:
Subject + ought to + base verb

Example: "You ought to apologize."



HAD BETTER

USE: Strong warning or consequence.

Grammar:
Subject + had better + base verb

Example: "You had better leave now."



Short Explanation: All three are used to give advice, but "had better" sounds stronger.

1. Complete the text with: should / ought to / had better

Tom is feeling very tired these days. He works too much and doesn't sleep enough. He _____ go to bed earlier and take better care of his health. His friends think he _____ relax more on weekends. Also, he _____ not drink so much coffee at night, or he won't be able to sleep. If he keeps this routine, he might get sick, so he _____ change his habits soon.

2. Choose the best modal for each sentence

1. The airline only allows two pieces of luggage. You _____ pack too much or you will have to take it out at the airport!

- a. had not better
- b. had better not
- c. better not

2. It's raining and I don't want to get my dress wet. I _____ an umbrella.

- a. had better to bring
- b. had better not bring
- c. had better bring

3. Dave loves chocolate, but he _____ too much or he will get fat.

- a. should eat
- b. should eat not
- c. shouldn't eat

4. A: I think that the grade my teacher gave me on my test is wrong.

B: Really? You _____ to her after class today.

- a. ought to talk
- b. should to talk
- c. ought talk

5. I need help, doctor. My baby doesn't sleep well. What _____?

- a. had I better do
- b. I should do
- c. should I do

6. She has an exam tomorrow. She _____ go to bed early.

- a. should to
- b. ought to
- c. had better to

7. You _____ eat so much junk food. It's bad for your health.

- a. shouldn't
- b. ought to not
- c. don't should

8. It's very cold outside. You _____ wear a jacket.

- a. had better
- b. ought
- c. better to