GRAMMAR

should / shouldn't

1 **Look at these examples from the conversations. Then choose the correct words to complete the rules.**

You **shouldn't walk** on that leg.
You **should go** to bed.

1 We use *should* and *shouldn't* to give *advice* / *information*.
2 We use *should* to say something is a *good* / *bad* idea.
3 We use *shouldn't* to say something is a *good* / *bad* idea.
4 The verb after *should* is *always* / *never* the infinitive without 'to'.

2 **Look at these examples from the conversations you heard on page 80. Match the questions to the answers. Notice how we make questions with *should*.**

I should … → Should I … ?

1 Should I stop doing sport?	●	●	No, you shouldn't
2 Should I take some medicine?	●	●	Every evening before bed.
3 When should I drink it?	●	●	Yes, you should.

97 **Listen and check. Then repeat.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS

UNIT 13 SHOULD / SHOULDN'T

Positive
I/You/He/She/It/We/They **should go** to bed earlier.
Negative
I/You/He/She/It/We/They **shouldn't** (**should not**) **play** tennis.
Questions
What **should** I/you/he/she/it/we/they **do**? **Should** I/you/he/she/it/we/they stop doing sports?
Short answer
Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **should**. No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **shouldn't**.

- We use ***should*** and ***shouldn't*** to give advice.
  *I've got a headache. You **should take** some medicine.*
  *You **shouldn't listen** to loud music.*
- We use ***should*** to say something is a **good idea**.
  *My hand hurts. You **should go** to the doctor.*
- We use ***shouldn't*** to say something is a **bad idea**.
  *I feel sick. You **shouldn't eat** anything.*
- After ***should*** and ***shouldn't***, we use the infinitive of the verb without ***to***.
  *My leg hurts. You should **rest** and you shouldn't **walk**.*
  *(**not** ~~you should to rest~~ … ~~you shouldn't to walk~~)*

1 Complete the sentences with *should* or *shouldn't*.

1 John's got a temperature. He _____ go to school.

2 I hurt my foot. The doctor says I _____ play football for three weeks.

3 My best friend didn't pass the exam. His teacher thinks he _____ study harder.

4 Did you say your back hurts? You _____ go swimming. It's very good for you.

5 My sister lost her smartphone yesterday. I think she _____ talk to the police.

6 To enter a race, you _____ do exercise the day before the race.

2 Write complete sentences with *should* or *shouldn't*.

If you want to keep fit and healthy, …

0 *You should do sport and exercise.*

1 You _____ drink a lot of cola and lemonade.

2 You _____ eat a lot of sweets and chocolate.

3 You _____ eat healthy food.

4 You _____ sleep well.

5 You _____ watch a lot of TV.

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3 Write complete questions with *should*. Then write short answers.

0 I / do the race? (✓)

Should I do the race?

Yes, you should.

1 my brother / buy a fast car? (✗)

2 my friends / go to bed earlier? (✓)

3 we / have a party? (✗)

4 I / stay at home? (✗)

4 Read the examples and write some advice with *should* or *shouldn't*.

0 I don't feel well. What should I do?
You should go to bed and lie down.

1 It's my mum's birthday next week. What should I buy her?

2 I've got an exam tomorrow. Should I study all night?

3 I want to visit another country. Where should I go?

4 My brother wants to do a new sport. Which one should he do?

5 I want to make some new friends. Should I join a club?

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3 Read the problems 1-8 and choose the correct advice for each one.

play tennis | wear more comfortable shoes | stop watching TV | go to hospital | go to bed earlier

take some medicine and go to bed | eat anything | go to school

1 My hand hurts a bit today.

2 I've got a pain in my foot.

3 I've got a headache and a temperature.

4 I feel a bit sick.

5 My eyes hurt.

6 I can't move my leg at all. I think it's broken.

7 I feel very tired.

8 I've got a bad cold.

3 Complete the advice with *should/shouldn't*. There may be more than one possible answer.

a You _____ go to bed earlier.

b You _____ take some medicine and go to bed.

c You _____ play tennis.

d You _____ go to school.

e You _____ wear more comfortable shoes.

f You _____ go to hospital.

g You _____ eat anything.

h You _____ stop watching TV.

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4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1 I think you should to bring a scarf.

2 You shoud go to the doctor.

3 I should to go to bed earlier.

4 You aren't well. You stay at home today.

5 You don't come to my house today - I am ill.

6 You no should watch TV all day.

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