

Should/ Ought to / Had better

We express **advice** with:

should/ought to You should walk more. (general advice; I advise you)

had better You'd better see your dentist. (specific situation; it's a good idea)

We express **criticism** with:

should/ ought to + perfect infinitive = It would have been better if you had....

You should have been more polite to him.

1. For each situation, write a sentence with **should** or **shouldn't** and the following:

go to bed so late

take a photograph

go away for a few days

use her car so much

look for another job

put some pictures on the walls

a) Liz needs a change.

She should go away for a few days.

b) John always has difficulty getting up.

He.....

c) Mary's living room isn't very interesting.

She.....

d) What a beautiful view!

You.....

e) His salary is very low.

He.....

f) Sara drives everywhere. She never walks.

She.....

2. Complete the sentence with **should (have) + the verb** in brackets.

a) Diana**should pass**.....(pass) the exam. She has been studying so hard.

b) You missed a great party last night. You**should have come**.....(come).

c) I am in a difficult position. What do you think I(do).

d) We don't see you enough. You(come) and see us more often.

e) I'm sorry I didn't take your advice. I(do) what you said.

f) We lost the match but we(win). We were much better.

g) The government(do) more to reduce crime.

h) You look tired. You(go) to bed and rest.

3. Put in **had better** where suitable. If **had better** is not suitable, use **should**.

- a) When people are driving, theykeep their eyes on the road.
- b) I have an appointment in ten minutes. I.....go now or I'll be late.
- c) It's a great film. Yougo and see it. You'll love it.
- d) She will be upset if we don't invite her to the wedding, so we.....
invite her.
- e) I'm glad you came to see us. Youcome more often.
- f) It might rain so Itake an umbrella.
- g) These biscuits are delicious. Youtry one.
- h) Westop for petrol soon. The tank is almost empty.