

Should, Ought To and Had Better

Exercises

1. A: I have got a sore throat. B: You _____ drink cold water.

- A)** should
- B)** shouldn't
- C)** had better
- D)** had not better

2. You're going to miss the school bus. You _____ hurry.

- A)** shouldn't
- B)** had better
- C)** had better not
- D)** oughtn't to

3. A: My husband snores a lot and I can't sleep. B: I think you _____ warn him.

- A)** had better
- B)** shouldn't
- C)** needn't
- D)** ought

4. This meat doesn't smell fresh. We _____ it.

- A)** shouldn't eat
- B)** needn't taste
- C)** have to buy
- D)** ought to not cook

5. A: Brenda has got a temperature. B: _____.

- A)** She had better not see a doctor
- B)** She had better not stay in bed
- C)** She shouldn't have a cold shower
- D)** She shouldn't go to the hospital

6. A: Alice is 80 kilos and she still eats junk food. B: I think she _____ go on a diet.

- A)** should
- B)** shouldn't
- C)** mustn't
- D)** can't

7. I have an important exam tomorrow. I _____ to go out tonight.

- A)** shouldn't
- B)** had better not
- C)** had better
- D)** ought not

8. A: I have a bad toothache. B: I think you _____ go to the dentist.

- A)** shouldn't
- B)** should
- C)** ought
- D)** had better not

9. A: I can't see the blackboard well. B: I think _____.

- A)** you should sit at the back
- B)** you shouldn't ask your teacher
- C)** you had better sit close to the blackboard
- D)** you had better change your class

10. A: My phone bill is enormous. B: I think you ____.

- A)** you not ought to talk too much
- B)** you ought not to talk too much
- C)** you ought to talk too much
- D)** you ought talk too much

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11. You ___ go to bed early. Tomorrow is Sunday.

- A) ought not
- B) should
- C) had better
- D) don't have to

12. A: I can't sleep at nights. B: ____

- A) You ought to drink coffee at nights.
- B) You should drink coffee at nights.
- C) You had better not drink coffee at nights.
- D) You had better drink coffee at nights.

13. A: Gerry hasn't got his glasses and he wants to drive home. B: I think he ___ take a taxi.

- A) had better
- B) shouldn't
- C) mustn't
- D) can't

14. Jason's room is always in a mess. He can't find anything. I think ____.

- A) he shouldn't tidy it
- B) he ought to tidy it
- C) he should to tidy it
- D) he had better to tidy it

15. I have a birthday party on Friday. Who do you think I ____?

- A) should invite not
- B) should invite
- C) ought invite
- D) had invite better

16. A: My son is usually late for school. B: He ____.

- A) had not better go to bed late
- B) had better not go to bed late
- C) hadn't better go to bed late
- D) had better to go to bed late