

MODALS FOR GIVING ADVICE

SHOULD



USE: We use **should** every time we want to give advice or an opinion.

FORMATION: S + **should/shouldn't** + **Vbf** + C

EXAMPLES: + Your grades aren't very good. You should study harder.
- You shouldn't talk so much during the classes.

OUGHT TO

USE: We can use **ought to** instead of **should** to give an advice or an opinion.

FORMATION: S + **ought to** + **Vbf** + C

EXAMPLES: + You ought to study harder.



HAD BETTER

USE: We use **had better** when it's advisable to do something. If you don't, there will be a problem or a danger.

FORMATION: S + **had better/had better not** + **Vbf** + C

EXAMPLES: + I had better study for the test or I'll fail.
- I had better not meet my friends today.

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ATTENTION**



SHOULD and **OUGHT TO** = it's just a good idea to do something.
HAD BETTER = There is a problem or danger if you don't follow the advice.

WRITE ON THE BLANK THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE.

- 1) 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 talk b. should to talk c. ought to talk
- 2) Dave loves chocolate, but he _____ too much or he will get fat.
a. should eat not b. shouldn't eat c. should eat
- 3) I need help, doctor. My baby doesn't sleep well. What _____ ?
a. I should do b. should I do c. had better do
- 4) My mother isn't feeling well, so I told her that she _____ to the doctor.
a. Ought b. ought go c. ought to go
- 5) It's raining and I don't want to get my dress wet. I _____ an umbrella.
a. had better bring b. had better to bring c. had better not bring
- 6) A: I'm so hot.
B: You _____ your coat!
a. should take off b. should to take off c. should put on
- 7) I'm going to visit your country. Where _____ if I want to go shopping?
a. should I go b. ought to I go c. I should go
- 8) The airline only allows two pieces of luggage. You _____ pack too much or you will have to take it out at the airport!
a. better not b. had not better c. had better not.

READ THE PROBLEMS AND WRITE SOME ADVICE FOR EACH SITUATION. USE THE MODALS IN PARENTHESIS.

1. My neighbor doesn't like his job as a waiter. He feels unhappy.
_____ **(should)**
2. A group of girls troll me on Facebook. I don't know what to do.
_____ **(had better)**
3. My parents want me to study Medicine but I'm interested in Engineering.
_____ **(ought to)**
4. Yesterday I saw my friend's boyfriend kissing another girl. What should I do?
_____ **(should)**
5. I want to finish my relationship with my girlfriend but she has lots of problems at home.
_____ **(had better)**