

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

should/shouldn't and must/mustn't

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

- 1 You should always be careful with candles.
- 2 You shouldn't leave a lighted candle in an empty room.
- 3 Dad says that we should tidy up our shoes.
- 4 Maybe we shouldn't have a smoke alarm in the classroom.
- 5 You shouldn't take other people's medicine.
- 6 We should prevent as many accidents as we can.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

should be should do should send
shouldn't drink shouldn't laugh ~~shouldn't swim~~

- 1 There's a red flag on the beach, so you shouldn't swim here.
- 2 My uncle had an accident at work. I should send him a card.
- 3 It's very icy today, so you should be careful that you don't slip.
- 4 Oliver was stung by a bee. You shouldn't laugh at him – it's not funny!
- 5 My brother's got a broken arm, so I shouldn't drink the washing-up.
- 6 Hey, you should do that medicine! It's not fruit juice!

3 Complete the poster with *should* or *shouldn't* and a suitable verb.

Can't sleep at bedtime? Can't get up in the morning?

Here's some advice from SLEEP NURSE!

- You ¹ should do exercise in the fresh air every day.
 You ² shouldn't drink tea or coffee in the evening.
 You ³ should listen to quiet relaxing music.
 You ⁴ shouldn't watch scary movies in bed.
 You ⁵ should put your phone in a different room.
 You ⁶ should turn off your light before you go to sleep.

4 Complete the sentences about the signs using *must* or *mustn't*. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.



- 1 You mustn't park here.
- 2 You mustn't use a camera.
- 3 You mustn't use a mobile phone.
- 4 You mustn't cycle.
- 5 You must wear a hard hat.
- 6 You mustn't swim.

5 Circle the best options to complete the conversation.

PAULA I think you should / shouldn't / must come to judo club, Lola. It's really good!

LOLA Do you really think I ² should / must / mustn't? I'm not very sporty.

PAULA I know, but Mum says we ³ should / shouldn't / must do at least one after-school activity, so you have to choose one.

LOLA OK, what are the rules? What do I need to know?

PAULA First, you ⁴ shouldn't / must / mustn't be late because you can't come in once the class starts. Second, you ⁵ should / must / mustn't bring judo clothes – you can't wear normal clothes. And the most important thing: you ⁶ should / must / mustn't listen to everything the instructor says. Judo can be dangerous.

LOLA Mmm, it sounds a bit scary!

