

The Open Window

Part 1

4 Listen to the beginning of Part One and choose the best answer A, B or C.

- 1 The doctor told Framton
 - A to leave the city.
 - B to relax.
 - C to go and stay with his sister.

- 2 Framton Nuttel decided to go to the
 - A country.
 - B city.
 - C theatre.

- 3 Mrs Sappleton's niece was called
 - A Sarah.
 - B Clara.
 - C Vera.

- 4 Mrs Sappleton's tragedy happened exactly
 - A a week ago.
 - B three years ago.
 - C four years ago.

- 5 Mrs Sappleton's husband and brothers fell into
 - A a lake.
 - B a trap.
 - C a bog.

Go back to the text

1 Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

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- a. Framton Nuttel knows Mrs Sappleton very well.
- b. Framton Nuttel wants to meet new people.
- c. Framton's sister was in that part of the country two years ago.
- d. Mrs Sappleton's husband went hunting three years ago, and he never came back home.
- e. Mrs Sappleton's two elder brothers also disappeared with Mr Sappleton.
- f. Vera sometimes has the feeling that they will come back.

You should meet some nice people

We can use **should** and **ought to** to give advice and to express our opinions about things. They are not as strong as **must** and **have to**.

- *You **ought to** drive more slowly. = It would be a good idea if you drove more slowly.*
- *They **ought not to** eat so much. = It would be a good idea if they did not eat so much.*
- *You **shouldn't** talk about other people's problems. = It's a good idea not to talk about other people's problems.*

Notice that **ought** is followed by **to** while **should** isn't.

The contracted form of the negative of **should** is **shouldn't**.

The contracted form of the negative of **ought**, **oughtn't**, is possible but not very common.

4 Complete the sentences below using **should** or **ought to**. You must decide whether the sentences are negative or affirmative.

Example: *Framton drinks three cups of coffee a day. He is nervous and can't sleep at night. I think that Framton **shouldn't drink so much coffee**. (should/drink).*

- Framton, you work six days a week, 10 hours a day.
You're exhausted. You hard. (*should/work*)
- You are a bit overweight, Charles.
You junk food. (*should/eat*)
- He will do poorly in the exam because he doesn't study enough.
He (*ought/study*)
- You always spend your time alone at home.
You (*ought/go out*)
- I think Phil's girlfriend is a vegetarian. Maybe I and check. I don't want to prepare something that she can't eat.
(*ought/call*)
- My sister is terrible. You never her anything because she can't keep secrets.
(*should/tell*)

g. If you come to my house, call before. I there but I may have to go out. (*should/be*)

h. You horror films if they frighten you so much. (*ought/watch*)

i. We if we don't want to miss the train. It leaves in ten minutes. (*ought/hurry*)

j. Charlotte and William are getting married next month. However, they are always fighting. In my opinion, they (*ought/get married*)

k. We a problem with this any more because we have studied it well. (*should/have*)