Should的用法

1. 作助动词的用法(过去将来)

- We hoped that we should have confidence in each other again.
- The BBC weather report this morning said that we should have rain.
- We thought we should never see you again.
- ▶ I told him that I should show him around the next day.

2. 用作情态动词,表示"应该"(ought to)

- ▶ I should write some letters tonight.
- They shouldn't come to such a decision hastily.
- You should have washed the wound. But you haven't.
- Why should I pay him?
- Often, when he should have been doing something useful, he wasted him time drawing little picture.

3. 用在某些句型中,没有特别意思,可省略

- ▶ He stipulated that the best materials should be used.
- It is necessary that he should return it this morning.
- He preferred that such comments should cease.
- ▶ He wrote, suggesting that he come to Paris.
- We requested that the meeting be adjourned.

4. 用在某些从句甚至主句中,

表示惊异、不以为然等情绪(竟)

- It seems so unfair that this should happen to me.
- I can't think why he should have said that.
- It wasn't right that such near neighbours should not know one another.
- Why should you talk to her like that?
- How should I know?

5. 用在条件句中

- ▶ I <u>should</u> never have done it if I hadn't been so hard up. (主句)
- ▶ We <u>shouldn't</u> have won without you. (含蓄条件句)
- ▶ What <u>should</u> I have done in her place?
- ▶ If you should be passing, do come and see us. (条件从句)
- I should be happy to go with you if I should not be in the way.
- Should I be free tomorrow, I will come.

6. 用在so that, lest, in case等引起的从句中

- She stood away so that he should enter the room first.
- We hid it so that he should be satisfied.
- ▶ He offered to write it out for her, lest she should forget.
- Here is a shilling in case you should need it.
- I'll keep a seat for you in case you should change your mind.

7. 用在某些句子中使口气显得婉转,态度显得谦和

- I should be glad to talk to him.
- I should think that you would be above doing anything like that.
- ▶ There are a lot of things I should have liked to ask you.
- ▶ I should have preferred him to do it in a different way.

8. 用来表示猜测

- They should be there by now, I think.
- The effect of the tax should be felt in higher prices.
- ▶ This young man should go far.
- We needn't get ready yet; the guest shouldn't come for another hour.

The epistemic use of modals(推测性用法)

- ▶ The bottle breaks when dropped. 100%
- ▶ The bottle can break when dropped. 40–70%
- ▶ The bottle may break when dropped. 20–40%
- ▶ The bottle could/might break when dropped. 5–20%
- ▶ The bottle couldn't break when dropped. 1–3%
- ▶ The bottle can't break when dropped. 0

There's someone at the door. Didn't you hear the bell?

- ▶ It might be Tom. (possibility)
- ▶ It may be Tom. (possibility)
- It could be Tom. (possibility)
- It can be Tom. (possibility)
- ▶ It should be Tom. (probability)
- It ought to be Tom. (probability)
- It would be Tom. (probability)
- ▶ It will be Tom. (certainty)
- It must be Tom. (certainty)
- ▶ It is Tom. (certainty)

subjective

- You may go now.
- ▶ 我批准
- I must go now.
- 我认为
- You should do it.
- 我认为
- Will you buy it?
- ▶ 你愿意?

objective

- You can go now.
- ▶按规定
- ▶ I have to go now.
- 多观情况
- You ought to do it.
- ▶按规定
- Can you buy it?
- ▶ 你能?

让步从句的虚拟语气

- Come what may, we will go ahead with our plan.
- Whether he confess or not, he shall face the severest punishment.
- Though he be the President himself, he shall hear us.
- Whether she be right or wrong, she will have my unswerving support.
- Be that as it may, we have nothing to lose.
- Whatever be the reasons for their action, we cannot tolerate such disloyalty.
- Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home.
- No man loves his fetters, be they made of gold.

needs must (18.3)

- Said when something is necessary but undesirable, unpleasant, or unfavorable.
- ▶ It needs must be so. 必然如此.
- ▶ A man needs must lie down when he sleeps. 人睡时非躺下来不可.
- ▶ Needs must when the devil drives. 形势所迫不得不为.
- I didn't want to drive all the way across town again to collect the bed, but needs must.
- I already had plans for this evening, but if needs must I can take you to the airport.