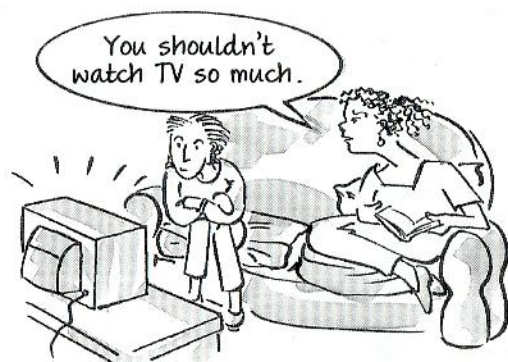


should

A



should + infinitive (should do / should watch etc.):

I/we/you/they he/she/it	should shouldn't	do stop go watch etc.
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B

(You) **should** do something = it is a good thing to do, it is the right thing to do:

- Tom **should go** to bed earlier. He goes to bed very late and he's always tired.
- It's a good film. You **should go** and see it.
- When you play tennis, you **should** always **watch** the ball.

C

(You) **shouldn't** do something = it is *not* a good thing to do. **Shouldn't** = should not:

- Tom **shouldn't go** to bed so late.
- You watch TV all the time. You **shouldn't watch** TV so much.

D

We often use **think** with **should**:

I think ... should ... :

- **I think Carol should buy** some new clothes.
(= I think it is a good idea.)
- It's late. **I think I should go** home now.
- A: Shall I buy this coat?
B: Yes, I **think you should**.

I don't think ... should ... :

- **I don't think you should work** so hard.
(= I don't think it is a good idea.)
- **I don't think we should go** yet. It's too early.

Do you think ... should ... ?:

- **Do you think I should buy** this hat?
- What time **do you think we should go** home?



E

Must is stronger than **should**:

- It's a **good** film. You **should** go and see it.
- It's a **fantastic** film. You **must** go and see it.

F

Another way to say **should ...** is **ought to ...** :

- It's a good film. You **ought to go** and see it. (= you should go)
- I think Carol **ought to buy** some new clothes. (= Carol should buy)