

## Tarea ingles

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# 15 There should be a law!

1 What should be done about each situation? Write sentences about these pictures, giving your opinion. Use the passive form with should, shouldn't, or ought to.

1. Leaving large items on the sidewalk

2. Eating on the subway

3. Playing loud music late at night

4. Letting dogs run without leashes

1. People shouldn't be allowed to leave large items on the sidewalk. or  
People ought to be required to take large items to designated dumps.
2. People shouldn't be allowed to eat on the subway. or  
People ought to be required to eat in designated areas.
3. People shouldn't be allowed to play loud music late at night. or  
People ought to be required to only have music in the streets.
4. People shouldn't be allowed to let dogs run without leashes. or  
People ought to be required to go out with their dogs with leashes.

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Make recommendations about the situations in these pictures. Use the passive form with has to, has got to, must, or mustn't.

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1. A law has to be passed to prevent people from leaving their homes. or  
Something must be done to repair abandoned homes.
2. I think that mustn't be allowed to drive through crossing  
for there to be no traffic or someone must be fined for people
3. A law has to be passed to prevent people from parking their bikes  
together or something must be done to correct their bikes
4. A law has to be passed to prevent people from getting drunk in the streets  
or something must be done to correct the situation

3 Think of four things that you have strong opinions about. Write your opinions and explain your reasons for them. Use passive modals.

Example: In my opinion, cell phones shouldn't be allowed in class.

They distract students from the lesson.

1. I feel that cell phones shouldn't be allowed because the students  
is can cause an accident
2. I think that the people should be allowed to use their cars  
is can also make a lot of money
3. In my opinion, the people shouldn't be allowed to use their cars  
that's too far for the school
4. I don't think that the children should be allowed to use their cars  
that's too far for the school

4 Respond to these opinions by giving a different one of your own. Use expressions from the box.

That's interesting, but I think...  
That's not a bad idea. On the other hand,  
I feel...  
You may have a point. However, I think...  
Do you? I'm not sure...

1. A: Everyone should be required to study Chinese.  
B: You may have a point. However, I think that English  
is useful for traveling.
2. A: People mustn't be allowed to write unkind things about  
others on social networking sites.  
B: that's interesting but I think that the  
social media is bad.
3. A: Public transportation should be provided free of charge.  
B: Do you? I'm not sure the services are  
good to earn money.
4. A: I think people ought to be required to buy hybrid cars.  
B: You may have a point, however, I think  
that the hybrid cars are so expensive.
5. A: In my opinion, all plastic containers should be banned.  
B: that's not a bad idea, I feel that this  
will help the environment.



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## Getting revenge

A Skim the web posts. What is a revenge story? Why is each of these stories a revenge story?



## Do you have a revenge story? Share it!

1 **Marcy:** I used to have a friend who was a lot of fun. She always loved to go out to eat. There was just one small problem: Every time the server brought the check, she would say, "Uh-oh! I don't have enough money with me. Can I pay you back later?" This was OK the first and second time it happened, but these excuses happened again and again. I finally got my revenge. The next time we went out for dinner, I said that I had forgotten my wallet. She was shocked, but she paid the check. However, she has never called me to go out again. I guess she was a moocher – a person who always tries to get someone else to pay.

2 **Jonathan:** My neighbors used to keep rabbits in their yard, but they treated them very badly. Rabbit pens should be cleaned regularly, but these rabbits were dirty, and the smell was really terrible. Worse, I noticed that the rabbits didn't have enough to eat or drink. When I complained to my neighbors, they said, "It's not your problem." When I called the animal protection society, they said they would investigate. I waited a week, but nothing happened. One night, I stole the rabbits and took them home. The next day I gave them to a local pet store.

3 **Chad:** I was having problems sleeping because of a dripping noise coming from my air conditioner. I thought the air conditioner needed to be repaired, so I called a technician. She couldn't find anything wrong with it, but she said the dripping was coming from the apartment above me. I asked my neighbor to have his air conditioner checked, but he said, "If you can't sleep, that's your problem!" The following day, I climbed a ladder and attached a rubber pipe to my neighbor's air conditioner. Then I stuck the pipe through his bedroom window. The next night, my neighbor's bedroom was flooded!

B Read the posts. Then complete the chart.

Problem	First attempt to solve it	Final solution
1. She would say I don't have enough money with me.	I said I don't have money.	Sticking notes on her
2. His rabbit pens were dirty.	I asked him to clean them.	He to go back again
3. I was having problems sleeping because of a dripping noise coming from my neighbor's air conditioner.	I asked my neighbor to have his air conditioner checked, but he said, "If you can't sleep, that's your problem!"	I climbed a ladder and attached a rubber pipe to my neighbor's air conditioner.

C Do you think getting revenge – doing something mean to someone in return – is acceptable behavior? Why or why not?

## 6 Add tag questions to these statements.

1. Bullying is a serious problem, isn't it?
2. The city doesn't provide enough services for elderly people, does it?
3. You can easily spend all your money on food and rent, can't you?
4. Some unemployed people don't really want to work, do they?
5. Health care is getting more and more expensive, isn't it?
6. There are a lot of homeless people downtown, aren't they?
7. Some schools have overcrowded classrooms, don't they?
8. Laws should be passed to reduce street crime, shouldn't they?

## 7 Nouns and verbs

A Complete the chart.

Noun	Verb	Noun	Verb
advertisement	advertise	permission	allow
bullying	bully	exclusion	exclude
improvement	improve	prohibition	prohibit
offense	offend	provision	provide
outsourcing	outsource	requirement	require

B Write eight sentences with tag questions using words from the chart. Use four of the nouns and four of the verbs.

Examples: Disciples should be required to wear helmets, shouldn't they?  
 The company should have advertisements in the city, shouldn't it?

1. The company should have advertisements in the city, shouldn't it?
2. The people should not be allowed to bully the homeless people, should they?
3. You can offend the people that hate you, can't you?
4. The company can outsource foreign people, can't it?
5. The city can improve with new roads, can't it?
6. The city is not exclude, is it?
7. The people have prohibit littering in the street, haven't they?
8. The should require new classrooms, is not it?



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Give one reason for and one reason against these opinions.

1. Children should be made to study a foreign language in primary school.

For: it would help children understand other culturesAgainst: I don't think it would be easy to find enough teachers

2. Jobs shouldn't be outsourced to other countries.

For: it would leave very little work for local peopleAgainst: I don't think it would be a great idea for the country

3. More tax money ought to be spent on cleaning graffiti off city walls.

For: it would be the better for the cityAgainst: I don't think it would be more expensive

4. Stray animals should be cared for in animal centers.

For: it would keep a better track of the animalsAgainst: I don't think it would be easy to find all the animals

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Complete the conversation. Use passive modals and tag questions.

Kate: You know, I just moved into this new apartment building, and I thought everything would be really great now.

Tony: What's the problem?

Kate: Well, yesterday, the manager gave me a copy of the house rules. I found out that I can't park my moped on the sidewalk in front of the building anymore.

Tony: But people shouldn't be permitted (permit) to park their bikes or mopeds there.Kate: Why not? There isn't any other place to park, is there?  
I guess I'll have to park on the street now.Tony: I'm sorry that parking somewhere else will be inconvenient, but don't you agree that people shouldn't be allowed (allow) to block the sidewalk or the entrance to the building?Kate: Well, you may have a point, but parking spaces for all types of cycles need to be provided (provide) for renters here. All renters with a car have a parking space, haven't they?

Tony: Well, yes, you're right. You should go to the next renter's meeting and discuss the issue with everyone else.

Kate: That's not a bad idea. My voice ought to be heard (hear) as much as anyone else's... (I think I will).