

should

You shouldn't watch TV so much.



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

I/we/you/they
he/she/it

should
shouldn't

do
stop
go
watch etc.

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

- ☐ Tom doesn't study enough. He **should study** harder.
- ☐ It's a good film. You **should go** and see it.
- ☐ When you play tennis, you **should** always **watch** the ball.

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.

We often say **I think ... should ...**

I think ... should ... :

- ☐ **I think** Lisa **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?

Do you think I should buy this hat?



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.

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 Lisa **ought to buy** some new clothes. (= Lisa should buy)

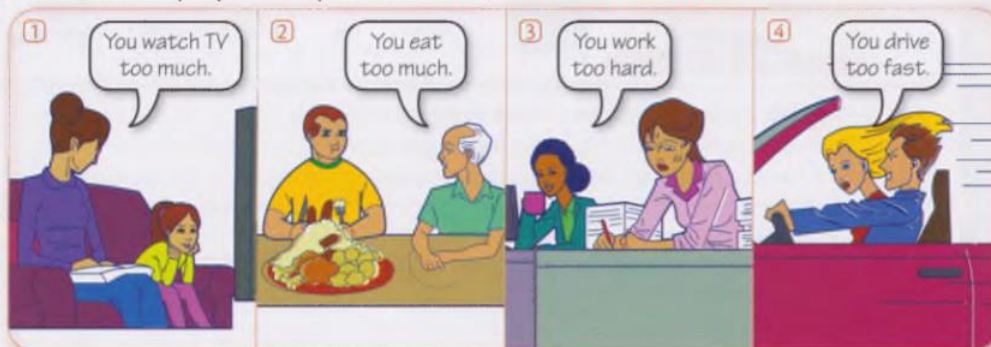
Exercises

32.1 Complete the sentences. Use **you should** + these verbs:

eat go take visit ~~watch~~ wear

- When you play tennis, you should watch the ball.
- It's late and you're very tired. _____ to bed.
- _____ plenty of fruit and vegetables.
- If you have time, _____ the Science Museum. It's very interesting.
- When you're driving, _____ a seat belt.
- It's too far to walk from here to the station. _____ a taxi.

32.2 Write about the people in the pictures. Use **He/She shouldn't ... so ...**



- She shouldn't watch TV so much.
- He _____ hard.
- _____ hard.
- _____ hard.

32.3 You are not sure what to do, so you ask a friend. Write questions with **Do you think I should ... ?**

- You are in a shop. You are trying on a jacket. (buy?)
You ask your friend: Do you think I should buy this jacket?
- You can't drive. (learn?)
You ask your friend: Do you think _____
- You don't like your job. (get another job?)
You ask your friend: _____
- You are going to have a party. (invite Gary?)
You ask your friend: _____

32.4 Write sentences with **I think ... should ...** and **I don't think ... should ...**

- We have to get up early tomorrow. (go home now) I think we should go home now.
- That coat is too big for you. (buy it) I don't think you should buy it.
- You don't need your car. (sell it) _____
- Karen needs a rest. (have a holiday) _____
- Sarah and Dan are too young. (get married) _____
- You're not well this morning. (go to work) _____
- James isn't well today. (go to the doctor) _____
- The hotel is too expensive for us. (stay there) _____

32.5 What do **you** think? Write sentences with **should**.

- I think everybody should learn another language.
- I think everybody _____
- I think _____
- I don't think _____
- I think I should _____