

# GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE

## UNIT 13 SHOULD / SHOULDN'T

### Positive

I/You/He/She/It/We/They **should go** to bed earlier.

### Negative

I/You/He/She/It/We/They **shouldn't (should not) play** tennis.

### Questions

What **should** I/you/he/she/it/we/they **do**?  
Should I/you/he/she/it/we/they **stop doing** sports?

### Short answer

Yes, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **should**.  
No, I/you/he/she/it/we/they **shouldn't**.

- We use **should** and **shouldn't** to give advice.  
*I've got a headache. You **should** take some medicine. You **shouldn't** listen to loud music.*
- We use **should** to say something is a good idea.  
*My hand hurts. You **should** go to the doctor.*
- We use **shouldn't** to say something is a bad idea.  
*I feel sick. You **shouldn't** eat anything.*
- After **should** and **shouldn't**, we use the infinitive of the verb without **to**.  
*My leg hurts. You **should** rest and you **shouldn't** walk. (not you **should to rest** ... you **shouldn't to walk**)*

### Practice

#### 1 Complete the sentences with **should** or **shouldn't**.

- 1 John's got a temperature. He \_\_\_\_\_ go to school.
- 2 I hurt my foot. The doctor says I \_\_\_\_\_ play football for three weeks.
- 3 My best friend didn't pass the exam. His teacher thinks he \_\_\_\_\_ study harder.
- 4 Did you say your back hurts? You \_\_\_\_\_ go swimming. It's very good for you.
- 5 My sister lost her smartphone yesterday. I think she \_\_\_\_\_ talk to the police.
- 6 To enter a race, you \_\_\_\_\_ do exercise the day before the race.

#### 2 Write complete sentences with **should** or **shouldn't** and the words in the box.

**do sport and exercise**  
drink a lot of cola and lemonade  
eat a lot of sweets and chocolate  
eat healthy food  
sleep well  
watch a lot of TV

*If you want to keep fit and healthy, ...*

- 0 *you should do sport and exercise.*  
1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3 Write complete questions with **should**. Then write short answers.

- 0 I / do the race? (✓)  
*Should I do the race?*  
*Yes, you should.*
- 1 my brother / buy a fast car? (X) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 my friends / go to bed earlier? (✓) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 we / have a party? (X) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I / stay at home? (X) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Read the examples and write some advice with **should** or **shouldn't**.

- 0 I don't feel well. What should I do?  
*You should go to bed and lie down.*
- 1 It's my mum's birthday next week. What should I buy her?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I've got an exam tomorrow. Should I study all night?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I want to visit another country. Where should I go?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 My brother wants to do a new sport. Which one should he do?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I want to make some new friends. Should I join a club?  
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