



Advice: Should and Shouldn't — A2 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- You ____ see a doctor about that cough.
A) should B) shoulds C) should to D) are should
- He ____ eat so much sugar.
A) shouldn't B) doesn't should C) not should D) shouldn't to
- ____ I open the window?
A) Shall B) Will I C) Do D) Should to
- ____ we start the meeting now?
A) Do B) Shall C) Are D) Should to
- Which sentence is advice rather than an order?
A) You must apply today. B) You should apply today.
C) You have to apply today. D) Apply today.
- She ____ tell him the truth, in my opinion.
A) should B) shoulds C) should to D) is should
- ____ I call you a taxi?
A) Do B) Am C) Shall D) Should to
- You ____ drive when you're this tired.
A) shouldn't B) don't should C) not should D) shouldn't to
- Which means almost the same as should?
A) must B) ought to C) can D) may
- We ____ leave now or we'll miss the train.
A) had better B) have better C) had best to D) better had

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

- You _____ take an umbrella — it's going to rain.
- He _____ work so late every night.
- _____ I make you a cup of tea?

4. _____ we meet at the station instead?
5. She _____ apply for that job — she's perfect for it.
6. You _____ to check the opening times first.
7. We had _____ leave now to avoid the traffic.
8. What _____ I say to her?

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. doctor / see / should / a / You / about / that.

Give health advice to a friend.

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2. He / shouldn't / money. / so / spend / much

Criticise somebody's financial habits gently.

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3. window / the / you? / I / Shall / for / open

Offer to do something for somebody.

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4. we / start / now? / Shall / the / meeting

Suggest beginning to a group.

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5. apply / She / that / position. / for / should

Recommend a job opportunity.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **A) should** — Should is a modal and takes the base form with no to.
2. **A) shouldn't** — The negative is shouldn't, formed without do.
3. **A) Shall** — Shall I is the standard way of offering to do something.
4. **B) Shall** — Shall we makes a suggestion to a group.
5. **B) You should apply today.** — Should recommends; must and have to require.
6. **A) should** — Modals never take -s in the third person.
7. **C) Shall** — Shall I is the standard way of offering to do something for somebody.
8. **A) shouldn't** — Shouldn't gives negative advice.
9. **B) ought to** — Ought to is a slightly more formal equivalent of should.
10. **A) had better** — Had better gives urgent advice with a consequence implied.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **should** — Should gives advice, followed by the base verb.
2. **shouldn't** — Shouldn't gives negative advice.
3. **Shall** — Shall I offers to do something for somebody.
4. **Shall** — Shall we makes a suggestion to a group.
5. **should** — Should recommends a course of action.
6. **ought** — Ought is followed by to, unlike should.
7. **better** — Had better gives urgent advice with a consequence implied.
8. **should** — Should asks for a recommendation.

C. Sentence building

1. **You should see a doctor about that.**
2. **He shouldn't spend so much money.**
3. **Shall I open the window for you?**
4. **Shall we start the meeting now?**
5. **She should apply for that position.**