



Advice (should/ought to): Should & Shouldn't: Giving and Asking for Advice Exercises

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- You look tired. You ___ go to bed early tonight.
a) should to
b) should
c) should be
d) shouldn't
- You ___ eat so much fast food. It's bad for your health.
a) should not to
b) don't should
c) should
d) shouldn't
- ___ I take an umbrella? It looks cloudy outside.
a) Do I should
b) Should
c) Am I should
d) Should to
- Sarah has a bad cough. She ___ see a doctor.
a) shoulds
b) should to
c) shouldn't
d) should
- You ___ drive so fast. The roads are wet and dangerous.
a) shouldn't
b) should
c) should don't
d) not should
- I have a job interview tomorrow. What ___ I wear?
a) do
b) am
c) should
d) will
- Tom wants to learn English faster. He ___ practise every day.
a) should to
b) shouldn't
c) shoulds
d) should
- You ___ stay up too late before an exam. You need to rest.
a) should
b) not should
c) shouldn't
d) should never to
- My back hurts. — You ___ try some stretching exercises.
a) should
b) shouldn't
c) should to
d) should are
- Children ___ play near the road. It's too dangerous.
a) should to not
b) should
c) don't should
d) shouldn't



Answers

1. b) should
2. d) shouldn't
3. b) Should
4. d) should
5. a) shouldn't
6. c) should
7. d) should
8. c) shouldn't
9. a) should
10. d) shouldn't
11. c) Could
12. b) should
13. b) should
14. b) shouldn't
15. a) should
16. d) should
17. c) shouldn't
18. d) should
19. b) should
20. b) shouldn't



Explanations

1. “should” (b)

Use 'should + base verb' to give advice or make a recommendation. 'Should to' is always incorrect — should is followed directly by the base verb without 'to'.

2. “shouldn't” (d)

Use 'shouldn't + base verb' for negative advice — to recommend that someone NOT do something. 'Should not to' and 'don't should' are both incorrect forms.

3. “Should” (b)

To ask for advice, use 'Should + subject + base verb?' The word order is: Should + I/you/we + verb. 'Do I should' is incorrect — should does not use 'do' in questions.

4. “should” (d)

Use 'should' to advise someone to do something. 'Should' never changes form — there is no 'shoulds' for third person. It is always 'she should', not 'she shoulds'.

5. “shouldn't” (a)

Use 'shouldn't' to advise against doing something dangerous. The negative form is 'should + not' (contracted to 'shouldn't'). 'Should don't' and 'not should' are incorrect.

6. “should” (c)

Use 'What should I...?' to ask for advice about what to do. This is one of the most common ways to ask for a recommendation in English.

7. “should” (d)

Use 'should + base verb' (without 'to') to recommend a good habit. 'Should' is the same for all subjects — he/she/it/they should, never 'shoulds'.

8. “shouldn't” (c)

Use 'shouldn't' to advise someone not to do something. The correct negative is 'shouldn't + base verb'. 'Not should' reverses the word order incorrectly.

9. “should” (a)

Use 'should + base verb' to suggest a solution to someone's problem. This is a classic advice-giving pattern: someone describes a problem, and you respond with 'You should...!'

10. “shouldn't” (d)

Use 'shouldn't' to say that something is not a good idea, especially when there is a safety concern. 'Don't should' is incorrect — modal verbs form negatives with 'not', not with 'don't'.

11. “Could” (c)

'Could you help me?' is a polite request, not advice. 'Should you help me?' would mean 'Is it advisable for you to help me?', which is not the intended meaning here. Use 'could' for polite requests.

12. “should” (b)

Use 'should' to recommend an action. 'We should start studying' means 'it is a good idea for us to start studying'. No 'to' is needed after 'should'.

13. “should” (b)

Use 'should' to give health advice. 'Should + base verb' is the standard pattern. 'Should be drink' or 'should to drink' are both grammatically incorrect.

14. “shouldn't” (b)

Use 'shouldn't' to advise against a bad practice. Copying from the internet is not recommended, so 'shouldn't' is the correct choice for this negative advice.

15. “should” (a)

'I think you should...' is a common way to give gentle advice. Adding 'I think' makes the advice sound softer and less direct. No 'to' follows 'should'.

16. “should” (d)

Use 'Where should we...?' to ask for suggestions. The question form is: question word + should + subject + base verb.

17. “shouldn't” (c)

Use 'shouldn't' to advise against spending too much. The correct negative is 'shouldn't' (= should not). 'Don't should' and 'should no' are both incorrect forms.

18. “should” (d)

Use 'should' to make a suggestion when you think something is a good idea. 'We should go for a walk' is a friendly recommendation.

19. “should” (b)

'Do you think I should...?' is a common way to ask for someone's opinion or advice about a decision. The structure is: Do you think + subject + should + base verb.

20. “shouldn't” (b)

Use 'shouldn't' to advise against bad behaviour. 'You shouldn't be rude' means 'it is not a good idea to be rude'. The negative is formed with 'should + not', not 'not + should'.