

Should & Ought to

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Choosing the correct modal for advice, recommendation, and obligation — five short drills to lock in **Should & Ought to**.

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1 • Rules

- ◆ Use **should** + base verb to give advice or recommendation.
- ◆ Use **ought to** + base verb for advice, usually more formal; never omit **to**.
- ◆ In negative sentences, place **not** after **should** or after **ought** (e.g., **should not**, **ought not to**).

2 • Signal words

advice

recommendation

suggestion

obligation

should

ought to

must

need to

Tip: These words often flag **Should & Ought to** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 • Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Should & Ought to** in each gap.

- 1 You _____ finish your homework before dinner.
- 2 They _____ arrive by 8 pm if the train is on time.
- 3 He _____ not forget to lock the door when he leaves.
- 4 We _____ bring a map for the hike.
- 5 She _____ try the new restaurant downtown.
- 6 You _____ wear a helmet while cycling.

4 • Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in **Should & Ought to**. Rewrite it correctly.

1 ~~You should checking the weather before leaving.~~

2 ~~He ought exercise regularly.~~

3 ~~They should not be late for meeting.~~

4 ~~We ought respect the museum rules.~~

5 ~~She should brings her passport.~~

6 ~~I ought finishing the report today.~~

5 . Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A-D).

1 Choose the sentence that correctly uses 'should' or 'ought to' for giving advice.

- (A) You should to see a dentist. (B) You ought see a dentist. (C) You should see a dentist.
(D) You ought to seeing a dentist.

2 Select the sentence that correctly expresses a recommendation with 'ought to'.

- (A) She ought to study more. (B) She ought study more. (C) She should to study more.
(D) She should studying more.

3 Which sentence correctly uses 'should' in a negative form?

- (A) He should not to eat so much sugar. (B) He should not eat so much sugar.
(C) He shouldn't to eat so much sugar. (D) He shouldn't eating so much sugar.

4 Pick the sentence that correctly uses 'ought to' for a future expectation.

- (A) They ought to arrive tomorrow. (B) They ought arrive tomorrow.
(C) They should to arrive tomorrow. (D) They should arriving tomorrow.

5 Which sentence correctly uses 'should' to give a suggestion about a habit?

- (A) You should to drink water every day. (B) You should drink water every day.
(C) You ought drink water every day. (D) You should drinking water every day.

6 Select the sentence that correctly uses 'ought to' in a negative form.

- (A) I ought not to forget the meeting. (B) I ought not forget the meeting.
(C) I should not to forget the meeting. (D) I should not forgetting the meeting.