

What is Modal Should for Advice?

Worksheet

Should for advice offers recommendations: You should visit the doctor. It's weaker than must and stronger than might, expressing what is probably a good idea.

Questions

1. Which sentence uses should correctly?
 - A) You should to eat vegetables
 - B) You should eat vegetables
 - C) You shoulds eat vegetables
 - D) You should eating vegetables
2. What does 'You should exercise daily' express?
 - A) It's mandatory to exercise
 - B) It's recommended to exercise
 - C) You might exercise
 - D) You used to exercise
3. How do you express past advice that wasn't taken?
 - A) You should study yesterday
 - B) You should have studied
 - C) You had studied
 - D) You study yesterday
4. What's the difference between should and must?
 - A) They mean the same thing
 - B) Should is advice, must is obligation
 - C) Must is advice, should is obligation
 - D) Should is for past, must is for present
5. You should exercise regularly for better health.
6. She should see a doctor about that cough.
7. We should leave early to avoid traffic.
8. Define: What does modal should express?
9. Define: How do you form should + advice?
10. Define: What's the negative form of should?

Answer Key

1. B) You should eat vegetables — Correct form is 'should + base verb' with no 'to' or '-ing'.
2. B) It's recommended to exercise — Should gives a recommendation, not a requirement.
3. B) You should have studied — Use 'should have + past participle' for past missed advice.
4. B) Should is advice, must is obligation — Should recommends; must requires. Should is weaker.
5. Modal: should Form: should + base verb (exercise) Meaning: A good recommendation, not mandatory
6. Modal: should Form: should + base verb (see) Meaning: Strong advice for her benefit
7. Modal: should Form: should + base verb (leave) Meaning: Suggested action for better outcome
8. Advice, recommendation, or suggestion — something that is probably a good idea
9. should + base verb. Example: You should rest. (No 's' after should, never 'shoulds')
10. should not / shouldn't — advice to avoid. Example: You shouldn't smoke.

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