



Mini Lesson 028 - Modal Verbs for Advice (Should, Ought to)

Explanation:

The modal verbs **'should'** and **'ought to'** are used to give advice or suggestions. They are both used to express what is recommended or the right thing to do.

- **'Should'** is more commonly used in everyday speech.

- Example: *You should drink more water.*

- **'Ought to'** is slightly more formal but can often be used interchangeably with **'should.'**

- Example: *You ought to see a doctor.*

Both **'should'** and **'ought to'** are followed by the base form of the verb.

Uses of 'Should' and 'Ought to':

1. Giving advice or recommendations:

- Example: *You should study harder for the exam.*

2. Expressing expectations:

- Example: *You ought to arrive on time for the meeting.*

3. Making suggestions:

- Example: *We should take an umbrella, it looks like rain.*





Exercises:

Section 1: Complete the Advice

Complete the sentences with '**should**' or '**ought to**' and the correct form of the verb.

1. You _____ (visit) the dentist if your tooth hurts.
2. He _____ (exercise) more to stay healthy.
3. They _____ (apologize) for being late to the meeting.
4. We _____ (take) a break, we've been working for hours.
5. You _____ (be) careful when driving in the rain.
6. She _____ (spend) less money on clothes.
7. I _____ (call) my parents more often.
8. You _____ (not ignore) your homework.

Section 2: Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. What is the best advice for someone who feels tired all the time?
 - a) You should eat junk food.
 - b) You should get more rest.
 - c) You ought to stay up late every night.
2. Your friend wants to improve their English skills. What advice would you give?
 - a) You should practice every day.
 - b) You ought to stop learning.
 - c) You shouldn't read books.
3. If it's raining outside and you have no umbrella, what advice is the most practical?
 - a) You should walk in the rain without a coat.
 - b) You ought to take a raincoat.





- c) You should wear sandals.

Section 3: Match the Problem with the Advice

Match the problems (1-6) with the correct advice (A-F).

1. I feel sick.	A. You should apologize to your friend.
2. My room is a mess.	B. You ought to clean your room.
3. I'm always late for work.	C. You should ask your teacher for help.
4. I don't understand my homework.	D. You ought to make a budget and stick to it.
5. My friend is upset with me.	E. You should set an alarm to wake up earlier.
6. I'm spending too much money.	F. You ought to see a doctor.

Section 4: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentences using **'should'** or **'ought to'** for advice.

1. It's not a good idea to skip breakfast.

- You _____.

2. It's important for him to wear a helmet when riding his bike.

- He _____.

3. It's better to study before the exam instead of cramming at the last minute.

- You _____.

4. It's a good idea to take breaks while working.

- You _____.

5. It's not smart to spend all your money at once.

- You _____.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. You **should/ought to visit** the dentist if your tooth hurts.
2. He **should/ought to exercise** more to stay healthy.
3. They **should/ought to apologize** for being late to the meeting.
4. We **should/ought to take** a break, we've been working for hours.
5. You **should/ought to be** careful when driving in the rain.
6. She **should/ought to spend** less money on clothes.
7. I **should/ought to call** my parents more often.
8. You **should/ought not to ignore** your homework.

Section 2:

1. b) You should get more rest.
2. a) You should practice every day.
3. b) You ought to take a raincoat.

Section 3:

1. F. You ought to see a doctor.
2. B. You ought to clean your room.
3. E. You should set an alarm to wake up earlier.
4. C. You should ask your teacher for help.
5. A. You should apologize to your friend.
6. D. You ought to make a budget and stick to it.

Section 4:

1. You **should/ought to eat** breakfast.
2. He **should/ought to wear** a helmet when riding his bike.
3. You **should/ought to study** before the exam.
4. You **should/ought to take** breaks while working.
5. You **should/ought not to spend** all your money at once.

