

ESL Should and Shouldn't

Remember!

We use the modal verbs should and shouldn't to share ideas, or suggestions and to give advice.

Activity 1: Read the advice. Change the words in bold using 'You should' and 'You shouldn't.'

1. **Don't stay** up all night.

2. **It's a good idea to** learn how to cook.

3. **Try to** go to bed early.

4. **It's a bad idea to** sit all day.

Activity 2: Put the words in the correct order to form sentences.

should / he / doctor / go / to / the /.

you / eat / vegetables / should / fruits / and /.

homework / ? / should / do / my / I

shouldn't / go / bed / to / late / you /.

Activity 3: Match each sentence with the correct idea, suggestion or advice.

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| 1. I want to speak English. | _____ | a. You should drink water. |
| 2. I have a headache. | _____ | b. You should go to the dentist. |
| 3. I want to be healthier. | _____ | c. You should study and do your homework. |
| 4. I have a toothache. | _____ | d. You should eat more fruit and vegetables. |

Activity 4: Complete the sentences with 'should' or 'shouldn't'.

1. He is thirsty. He _____ drink water.
2. You are always tired. You _____ go to bed late.
3. She is very sick. She _____ go to work.
4. Your kitchen is a mess. You _____ wash the dishes.

Answers

Activity 1:

1. You shouldn't stay up all night.
2. You should learn how to cook.
3. You should go to bed early.
4. You shouldn't sit all day.

Activity 2:

1. He should go to the doctor.
2. You should eat fruits and vegetables.
3. Should I do my homework?
4. You shouldn't go to bed late.

Activity 3:

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B

Activity 4:

1. He is thirsty. He should drink water.
2. You are always tired. You shouldn't go to bed late.
3. She is very sick. She shouldn't go to work.
4. Your kitchen is a mess. You should wash the dishes.