Lesson 4

MODALS

Should

Ought to

had better
Should/
Ought to
“Should”, and “ought to” are modal verbs.

Should  ≡  Ought to
We use ‘should’ to give advice and to ask for advice.

It means it is a good idea to do something.

- The sun is very strong. You should wear a hat.
- She doesn’t study enough. She should study harder.
We should brush our teeth twice a day.

Children should drink milk before they go to bed.
Another way to say ‘should’ is to say ‘ought to’.

For Example;

- The sun is very strong. You **ought to** wear a hat.
- She doesn’t study enough. She **ought to** study harder.
We **ought to** brush our teeth twice a day.

Children **ought to** drink milk before they go to bed.
We can ask for advice with ‘should’.
Should, Ought to

For example;

Should I buy the black dress or the pink one?
We use shouldn’t (should not) to say it is a bad or dangerous thing to do.

For Example;

- You should eat too many cakes. They make you fat.
- Children shouldn’t go to bed late.
You shouldn’t watch TV for too long.

I think you shouldn’t go out in this cold weather. You should stay at home.
We often say:

I think .......... should ............
or
I don’t think .... should .......
I think everyone should learn another language.
I don’t think you should buy this dress.
Do you think I should phone her?
I think you shouldn’t go out.

I don’t think you should go out.
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- Where should we go?
‘Should’ is more common than ‘ought to’ in negatives and questions.
Had better
As an alternative to should, we can use the verb form ‘had better’.
Had better is similar to should, but it is used for more urgent advice with bad consequences.
We had better hurry or we’ll be late.
(We’d better)

You had better (You’d better) stop smoking or you’ll die.

You’d better study the exam or you’ll fail.
The negative form of had better is “had better not.”
You had better not sleep late or you’ll be late for the exam tomorrow.

You’d better not smoke.

You’d better not eat too much fast food.
EXERCISES

should ought to had better
Exercise 1. Fill in the blanks with ‘should’ or ‘shouldn’t’.

1. You ……….. do your homework everyday.
2. We ………….. always tell the truth.
3. You …………… smoke because it’s bad for your health.
4. We …………… be rude to other people.
5. You …………… go to bed early if you have to get up early.
6. Children ………….. watch TV after 10 p.m.
7. Drivers …………… drive their cars too fast.
8. Students ………….. listen to their teacher carefully.
9. We …………… cut the trees without planting new ones.
10. It’s a fantastic film. I think you ………………see it.
Exercise 2. Circle the correct answer.

1. You ............ not be late or you’ll lose your job.
   
   a. should
   b. had better
   c. shouldn’t
   d. ought to
   e. had to
2. I watched a great movie last night, I think you …… see it, too.

a. shouldn’t
b. ought
c. should
d. ought not to
e. had better
The film is going to start soon, we ……. go or we’ll miss it.

a. shouldn’t
b. should
c. had to
d. ought to
e. had better
4. ‘Doctor, I need help! My baby cries all the time! What ……….?’

a. I should do  
b. had I better do  
c. ought to I do  
d. should I do  
e. I had better do
5. ‘It’s raining and I don’t want to get wet. I ……… to bring an umbrella.’

a. had better
b. had better not
c. should to
d. shouldn’t
e. ought
6. A: It’s very cold in here.
   B: You ........ wear your coat.

   a. shouldn’t
   b. should to
   c. ought to
   d. ought
   e. better
7. David loves fast food, but he ........... too much or he will get fat.

a. should eat not
b. should eat
c. ought to eat
d. had better eat
e. had better not eat
8. I’m going to a party tonight. What ……… I wear? A dress or pants?

a. ought
b. had better
c. shouldn’t
d. should
e. could
9. When you play tennis, you ............... watch the ball.

a. ought to
b. should to
c. had better not
d. should not
e. ought not to
10. ............ I take off my shoes in this house?

a. Ought I
b. Should I
c. Do I should
d. I should
e. Had better I
Exercise 3. Match the correct advice to each sentence.

1. I’m very tired.  a. You should study hard.
2. I have a headache.  b. You should drink something.
3. It’s raining outside.  c. You should have some rest.
4. There’s an exam tomorrow.  d. You should buy her a cake.
5. You are thirsty.  e. You should take an umbrella.
6. It’s your friend’s birthday.  f. You should take a painkiller.
Exercise 4. Complete the sentence using ‘should’ and one verb from the box.

1. It’s late and you’re tired. You ………………… to bed.
2. Trabzon is a wonderful city. You …………………. Sumela Monastery when you’re in Trabzon.
3. When you are driving your car, you …………………. a seatbelt.
4. You …………………not ………………. too much coffee.
5. You ……………………. hard if you want good grades.