

GRAMMAR

Part A

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We use **should / shouldn't** to give advice, to tell somebody else what we think is better for them.

We also use **Should...?** to ask for advice.

I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They **should / shouldn't + infinitive**

Examples:

*You aren't looking very well. You **should** see a doctor.*

*We **shouldn't** visit our grandparents these days. We **should** stay at home.*

Should I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they + **infinitive**

Should I do my shopping online?

Practice

1. Fill in the blanks with **should / shouldn't** and the verbs below. There's one extra verb which you do not need.

talk - think - read - put - enjoy

- If you are upset by the news, you to your parents.
- You about happy moments before going to bed.
- We..... a book we enjoy after watching sad news on TV.
- Little Janetwith her teddy bear if she's having nightmares.

2. Rewrite the sentences as advice. Use **should** or **shouldn't**.

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Example:

Grandma is sleeping. Don't play the guitar.

*You **shouldn't** play the guitar.*

- 1) The film starts at 8. Don't be late.
- 2) I'm hungry. I didn't have breakfast.

- 3) Ben doesn't like rap music. Don't buy him that CD.
- 4) It's very cold. Wear a coat!
- 5) Recycle. It'll help the environment.
- 6) Don't touch that big dog. It's dangerous.