

should, shouldn't, how long

Simple advice and duration

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

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Simple advice and duration

Use **should** plus base verb for advice: **You should rest.** Negative advice uses **shouldn't**: **You shouldn't work today.** It is the same form for every subject.

For a direct instruction use an imperative: **Drink enough water.** **Enough** goes before a noun, unlike its position after an adjective: **enough water, warm enough.**

How long? asks a duration; **since when?** asks the starting point. A short reply such as **since Saturday** is useful in a conversation about symptoms.

Form	Example	Meaning
rest	You should rest.	Give advice to rest.
shouldn't	You shouldn't work today.	Advise against working today.
enough	Drink enough water.	Give advice about a sufficient amount of water.
How long	How long?	Ask about the duration.
when	Since when?	Ask for the starting point.
read	You should read the instructions.	Advise reading the medicine instructions.

You should rest.

Give advice to rest.

You shouldn't work today.

Advise against working today.

Drink enough water.

Give advice about a sufficient amount of water.

How long?

Ask about the duration.

Since when?

Ask for the starting point.

You should read the instructions.

Advise reading the medicine instructions.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 You should rest.

Meaning: Give advice to rest.

- 2 You shouldn't work today.

Meaning: Advise against working today.

- 3 Drink enough water.

Meaning: Give advice about a sufficient amount of water.

- 4 How long?

Meaning: Ask about the duration.

- 5 Since when?

Meaning: Ask for the starting point.

- 6 You should read the instructions.

Meaning: Advise reading the medicine instructions.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 You should _____.

- ☐ A rests
- ☐ B to rest
- ☐ C rest

Meaning: Give advice to rest.

2 You _____ work today.

- ☐ A shouldn't
- ☐ B don't should
- ☐ C not should

Meaning: Advise against working today.

3 Drink _____ water.

- ☐ A many
- ☐ B few
- ☐ C enough

Meaning: Give advice about a sufficient amount of water.

4 _____?

- ☐ (A) Who
- ☐ (B) How long
- ☐ (C) How many

Meaning: Ask about the duration.

5 Since _____?

- ☐ (A) much
- ☐ (B) many
- ☐ (C) when

Meaning: Ask for the starting point.

6 You should _____ the instructions.

- ☐ (A) reading
- ☐ (B) reads
- ☐ (C) read

Meaning: Advise reading the medicine instructions.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

rest to rest

You should _____.

Meaning: Give advice to rest.

shouldn't don't should

You _____ work today.

Meaning: Advise against working today.

enough many

Drink _____ water.

Meaning: Give advice about a sufficient amount of water.

How long How many

_____?

Meaning: Ask about the duration.

when many

Since _____?

Meaning: Ask for the starting point.

read reads

You should _____ the instructions.

Meaning: Advise reading the medicine instructions.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 rest. You should

Meaning: Give advice to rest.

- 2 shouldn't today. work You

Meaning: Advise against working today.

- 3 water. Drink enough

Meaning: Give advice about a sufficient amount of water.

- 4 the instructions. should read You

Meaning: Advise reading the medicine instructions.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Give advice to rest. You say:

- ☐ A You should rest.
- ☐ B You should to rest.

2 Advise against working today. You say:

- ☐ A You shouldn't work today.
- ☐ B You don't should work today.

3 Give advice about a sufficient amount of water. You say:

- ☐ A Drink enough water.
- ☐ B Drink many water.

4 Ask about the duration. You say:

- ☐ A How many?
- ☐ B How long?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ① How long? | Ⓐ Give advice to rest. |
| ② Since when? | Ⓑ Advise reading the medicine instructions. |
| ③ Drink enough water. | Ⓒ Advise against working today. |
| ④ You should read the instructions. | Ⓓ Ask about the duration. |
| ⑤ You shouldn't work today. | Ⓔ Give advice about a sufficient amount of water. |
| ⑥ You should rest. | Ⓕ Ask for the starting point. |