

Should

Should is a special verb, it's a **modal verb**. A modal verb has the same conjugation for all subjects, it only exists in one tense (the present form) and it requires another verb in the infinitive form to complete the structure.

Form

AFFIRMATIVE



I	should	work
You	should	work
He	should	work
She	should	work
It	should	work
We	should	work
They	should	work

Subject + should + infinitive

NEGATIVE*



I	shouldn't	work
You	shouldn't	work
He	shouldn't	work
She	shouldn't	work
It	shouldn't	work
We	shouldn't	work
They	shouldn't	work

Subject + shouldn't + infinitive

QUESTION



Should	I	work?
Should	you	work?
Should	he	work?
Should	she	work?
Should	it	work?
Should	we	work?
Should	they	work?

Should + subject + infinitive

*The negative form is **SHOULD NOT**, but this can be contracted to **shouldn't**.

Use

1

To give/ask for advice or recommendations

- You **should** visit the UK because it's beautiful!
- **Should** I visit the UK?

2

To oblige somebody politely

- You **should** stay away from this room!

3

To talk about an ideal situation

- We **should** invest more money in education for young learners.

4

To express a prediction

- Our flight to the UK **should** take about 4 hours.

5

To express an expectation that has not happened

- According to the weather forecast, it **should** be raining now.