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What should I do?

Giving advice with 'should'

What do you think is happening here?



Giving advice



1. Do you enjoy advising others?
Why or why not?
2. What are some common life situations where people need advice?
3. Is there a specific person in your life you often turn to for advice?

What would you say?

1. “I’m always tired in the morning.”
2. “I lost my phone yesterday.”
3. “I want to eat healthier.”
4. “I argued with my best friend.”



Please use any of the below advice structures in your responses:

“You should ...” / “Maybe you should ...” / “I think you should ...”

'Should' for giving advice

Form:

Affirmative

Negative

Question

Example:

You should talk to her. ✓

You shouldn't lie to your friend. ✗

Should I tell her the truth? ?

We use 'should' to give advice or express what is the right thing to do.

Diary entry - A difficult choice

Thursday, 10 July

I don't even know where to begin. Today, I saw something I wish I hadn't. I was walking through the mall when I saw Emma's boyfriend, Jason, holding hands with another girl. They looked close. Too close. He even kissed her cheek before they walked into the cinema together.

Emma is my best friend. We've been close since we were ten. I can't stop thinking about it. Should I tell her? Should I talk to Jason first? What if she doesn't believe me? What if I ruin their relationship for nothing?

I feel stuck. I know I should do the right thing, but I don't even know what that is anymore. I wish someone could tell me what to do.

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True or false

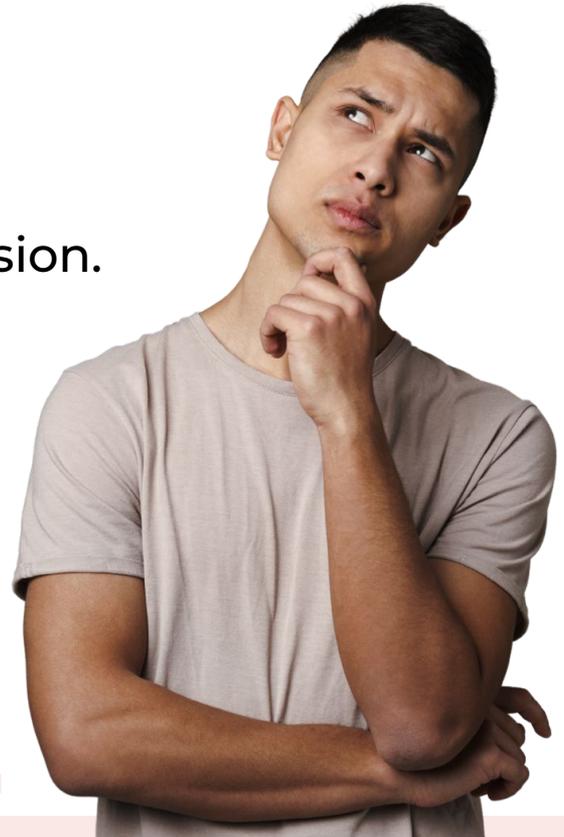
1. The writer saw her best friend kissing another guy.
2. Jason was with another girl at the mall.
3. The writer has already told Emma what happened.
4. The writer feels confident about what to do.
5. Emma and the writer have been friends for many years.

Match the situation with the correct advice

- a. I lost my house keys.
 - b. I feel sick today.
 - c. I forgot my friend's birthday.
 - d. My phone isn't charging.
 - e. I failed my exam.
 - f. My neighbour's dog barks all night.
 - g. I want to eat less sugar.
 - h. I think someone is lying to me.
- 1. You should stay in bed and rest.
 - 2. You should politely talk to your neighbour.
 - 3. You should ask them directly and stay calm.
 - 4. You should call a locksmith.
 - 5. You should stop buying sweets and drink more water.
 - 6. You should apologise and plan something nice.
 - 7. You should check the cable or try a different charger.
 - 8. You should speak to your teacher and study harder.

Complete the sentences using 'should' or 'shouldn't' + the correct verb

1. You _____ (tell) her the truth.
2. He _____ (lie) to his girlfriend.
3. I _____ (talk) to Jason before I make a decision.
4. She _____ (wait) until she knows more.
5. You _____ (keep) this a secret.
6. I _____ (say) something, but I'm scared.
7. We _____ (ask) someone older for advice.
8. He _____ (cheat) on Emma — it's wrong.



Should you always tell your friend the truth—even if it might hurt them?

Remember the diary entry about the girl who saw her best friend's boyfriend with another girl? She's unsure whether to tell her friend or not. Let's imagine it was you who saw this happen. What would you do?

Let's do this activity as a debate:

Team A: "Yes, you should always tell the truth."

Team B: "No, sometimes it's better to stay quiet."

Useful phrases to support debating

“I believe you should/shouldn’t ...”

“In my opinion ...”

“It would be better to ...”

“If I were you, I would ...”

“If I were in your shoes, I would ...”



Give advice based on the picture's context





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