

Using should

The auxiliary verb *should* shows obligation. *Should* can be used in questions to ask if there is an obligation to do something.

Read the following sentences.

Should I ignore the symptoms? I don't think you should. It is not wise.

Should I bring the files with me? I don't think you have to. It is not necessary.

Should we alert the police? I don't think we should. It might be unwise.

Exercise

Write similar responses to the following sentences. You can use the hints given below.

[convenient, good, possible, appropriate, polite, kind, hygienic, polite, safe, respectful]

1. Should I ask the old man to vacate his seat?
2. Should we have the meeting on Sunday?
3. Should we buy that used car?
4. Should he quarrel with his wife in public?
5. Should we use the water from the pond for cooking?
6. Should I leave the gas stove on?
7. I didn't like this present. Should I refuse it?

Answers

1. I don't think you should. It is not respectful.
2. I don't think we should. It is not convenient.
3. I don't think we should. It is not good.

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4. I don't think he should. It is not appropriate.

5. I don't think we should. It is not hygienic.

6. I don't think you should. It is not safe.

7. I don't think you should. It is not polite.