

## Should - Assumptions

**Point 1:** We use **should** to express things that we expect to be true or come true.

1. The bus usually arrives at this time.
  1. The bus should be here any minute.
2. This medicine helps relieve pain.
  1. This medicine should help you.
3. The weather is usually nice this time of year.
  1. The weather should be nice tomorrow.

**Point 12:** We use **should not** to express things that we do not expect to be true or come true.

1. It does not cost much money.
  1. It shouldn't cost much money.
2. It does not take a long time to do.
  1. It shouldn't take long to do.
3. The shop is supposed to be open.
  1. The shop shouldn't be closed.

**Point 3:** We use **shouldn't** in questions when we think something is not common or correct.

1. You think a chair is misplaced.
  1. Shouldn't the chair be over here?
2. You think the bus should be here.
  1. Shouldn't it be here by now?
3. You thought the shop would be open.
  1. Shouldn't the shop be open?

**Point 4:** When **answering a question**, we answer **Yes** and **No** differently.  
**Shouldn't the bus be here by now?**

1. Yes, it should.
2. No, it is always late. (no + reason)

**Shouldn't you be in bed?**

1. Yes, I should, but I can't sleep.
2. No, I need to be awake. (no + reason)

# Should for Assumptions

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

## Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** Excuse me. Where is the restroom?

**Woman:** It is down the hall. Just turn right, and you *should* see it.

**Man:** Thanks.

**Woman:** It *should* be open, but if it is locked, just tell me.

**Man:** OK. Thank you!

## Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** When is the last shuttle bus?

**Woman:** Actually, it *should* be here right about now.

**Man:** Really, I don't see it.

**Woman:** It *should* arrive any minute.

**Man:** OK, thanks. Will it be full?

**Woman:** It *shouldn't* be crowded this time of day.

## Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** Can you recommend a hotel?

**Woman:** Sure, I would stay at the Regent.

**Man:** Do I need to make a reservation?

**Woman:** You *shouldn't* need to. It is not peak season.

**Man:** Can I pay by credit card?

**Woman:** Yeah, it *shouldn't* be a problem.

## Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** My head is killing me!

**Woman:** Lay down. That *should* help.

**Man:** I can't. I have to work.

**Woman:** Take some aspirin then.

**Man:** You think it will help?

**Woman:** Yeah, you *should* feel better after a while.

## Quiz

*Answer these questions about the interview.*

1) What is said about the restroom?

**a) It should be open.**

b) It should be locked.

2) What is said about the bus?

**a) It should arrive soon.**

b) It should be full.

3) What should not be a problem?

a) Getting a discount

**b) Paying by credit card**

4) What should reduce his pain?

**a) Aspirin**

b) Ice

## Corporate Vocabulary

### **To retire**

End career. Stop working.

“I will retire when I have enough savings.”

### **To resign**

Quit the job voluntarily.

“Don’t resign to your current job before discussing the situation with your boss a little.”

### **Training**

Skill development, study for work.

“Some in my team are training to use the new software.”

**Promotion**

Advancement, get a better position in the company.

“My wife got a promotion, and it included a significant pay increase.”