

should / shouldn't and permission

Focus: should / shouldn't for advice; permission with Can I, Could I and Is it OK if I

GRAMMAR: SHOULD / SHOULDN'T · ASKING FOR PERMISSION

Advice: You **should** ask your manager. You **shouldn't** be late. · **Should I** go?

Why don't you call them? · **I think you should** wait. · Review: You **mustn't** smoke.

Can I / Could I / Is it OK if I leave early? · Yes, of course. / I'm afraid not.

1 Complete with should or shouldn't.

Example: You _____ arrive early for the interview. → *should*

- You _____ wear jeans to the interview. Wear a suit.
- Omar _____ ask for a pay rise. He works hard, but his salary is small.
- You _____ use your mobile phone in a meeting.
- Lena is a good manager. I think she _____ apply for the position.
- Staff _____ eat at their desks. It isn't polite.
- What _____ I write in my email to the employer?
- You _____ be nervous. You've got the skills and the experience.
- Ben is very tired. He _____ take a day off.

2 Choose the correct words.

Example: _____ I leave at three today? I've got a dentist's appointment. (Could / Do) → *Could*

- Is it OK _____ I take my break at twelve? Sure. (that / if / when)
- Could I open the window? _____, of course. (Yes / No / Not)
- Can I park here? I'm afraid _____. (no / don't / not)
- Why _____ you ask Tom? He knows the rules. (do / don't / doesn't)
- I think you _____ talk to your manager. She can help you. (should / shouldn't)
- _____ I wear a suit? No, you don't have to. Jeans are fine. (Could / Should)
- Could I start at ten tomorrow? Yes, of _____. (sure / course / OK)
- _____ don't you ask for a day off? You look tired. (What / Why / How)

ANSWER KEY

1 1 shouldn't, 2 should, 3 shouldn't, 4 should, 5 shouldn't, 6 should, 7 shouldn't, 8 should 2 1 if, 2 Yes, 3 not, 4 don't, 5 should, 6 Should, 7 course, 8 Why