

Modal verbs: Advice

SHOULD : -USED IN THE PRESENT (POSITIVE & NEGATIVE)

EXAMPLES: YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK AND GET SOME REST. HE SHOULDN'T SMOKE SO MUCH.

-ALSO USED IN THE PAST (POSITIVE & NEGATIVE)

EXAMPLES: YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED ME. I WAS WORRIED! SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL.

OUGHT TO: -SOMETIMES IMPLIES MORAL OBLIGATION.

-USUALLY NOT USED IN THE NEGATIVE.

EXAMPLE: YOU OUGHT TO CALL YOUR MOTHER MORE OFTEN.

HAD BETTER: -OFTEN IMPLIES SOME SORT OF CONSEQUENCE IF ACTION IS NOT FOLLOWED.

EXAMPLES: YOU'D BETTER PAY YOUR TAXES ON TIME.

YOU HAD BETTER OBEY THE RULES.

SHE'D BETTER NOT CHEAT ON HER EXAM.