

Should vs Must

Should gives advice: it's a good idea, but it's the other person's choice: *You should see a doctor.*

Must is stronger: it's necessary: *You must see a doctor immediately.*

SHOULD · ADVICE

You **should** see a doctor about that cough.



MUST · NECESSARY

You **must** see a doctor. It looks serious.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

1. It's only a suggestion, but you _____ try yoga.
a) should b) must
2. Passengers _____ fasten their seatbelts.
a) should b) must
3. You _____ eat more vegetables. They're good for you.
a) must to b) should
4. I _____ have listened to you. You were right.
a) should b) must
5. Employees _____ wear their ID badges at all times.
a) should b) must

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. You should to call her.

2. Yesterday I must work late.

3. You should of told me.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **Should** and one with **Must**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/should-vs-must

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) should** Only a suggestion: should.
2. **b) must** A rule: must.
3. **b) should** Advice: should, with no to.
4. **a) should** A regret about the past: should have.
5. **b) must** A company rule: must.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **You should call her.** No to after should.
2. **Yesterday I had to work late.** Must has no past form: had to.
3. **You should have told me.** It's always should have.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.