

Step 41

A synonyms

to hate
ridiculous
be cleverer than
famous for bad reasons
dark
to fascinate
show pity
falsify accounts
a chunk of
children
horrible
work illegally
assault

B complete

Most people have to take _____ when they buy a house;

The _____ is the person to see when there is a problem with an institution.

C grammar

We can often use **should** or **ought to** with little difference in meaning when we talk about OBLIGATION and PROBABILITY.

Obligation

■ giving ADVICE or making a RECOMMENDATION:

- 'This soup is too salty!' 'You **should / ought to** send it back.'
 - You'll catch cold if you go out like that. I think you **should / ought to** take a hat.
- or saying what an outside authority recommends (although we prefer **should** in this case):
- The manual says that the computer **should** be disconnected (= passive) from the mains before the cover is removed. (*rather than ...ought to be disconnected...*)

However, we use **should** (or **would**), not **ought to**, when we give advice with I:

- I **should** leave early tomorrow, if I were you. (*or I would leave...; or I'd leave...*)

■ talking about a RESPONSIBILITY or DUTY:

- People **should / ought to** be warned (= passive) of the danger of swimming off this beach.
- I **should / ought to** visit my parents more often.

Probability

■ saying that something is PROBABLY TRUE now or will probably be true in the future:

- 'Have we got any string?' 'There **should / ought to** be some in the kitchen drawer.'
(because that's where we always keep it)
- You **should / ought to** have received the report by now.
- I enjoyed her first novel, so the new one **should / ought to** be good.

We use **should / ought to + have + past participle** to talk about an obligation in the past. We often indicate some criticism or regret:

- He **should / ought to have asked** me before he took my bike. (I'm annoyed)
- We **should / ought to have taken** a taxi when it rained. (I'm sorry we didn't)

We also use **should / ought to + have + past participle** to talk about an expectation that something happened, has happened, or will happen:

- If the flight was on time, he **should / ought to have arrived** in Jakarta early this morning.
- The builders **should / ought to have finished** by the end of the week.

7.1

Complete these sentences with **should / ought to + infinitive** (or a passive form) or **should / ought to have + past participle** using one of these verbs. In which one is **ought to NOT possible**? Are there any in which **should** is more likely? (A & B)

check include keep listen meet plan ~~receive~~ refrigerate stay

- 1 You should / ought to have received my reply by now.
- 2 This medicine in a cool place. (*from a medicine bottle label*)
- 3 Here's someone you really
- 4 If you're feeling ill, I at home today, if I were you.
- 5 To have got a better mark, you your answers more thoroughly.
- 6 According to the label, the jam after opening.
- 7 I think you to him. He knew what he was talking about.
- 8 The results were completely wrong. As a scientist she the experiment more carefully.
- 9 The information you send details of courses taken at university.
(*from a job application form*)