

should/shouldn't have and ought/oughtn't to have

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 She didn't tell him. She should have / shouldn't have told him.
2 He left the tap running. He ought to have / oughtn't to have left the tap running.
3 He forgot to set his alarm clock, so he overslept. He should have / shouldn't have forgotten to set his alarm clock.
4 I left without saying goodbye. I should have / shouldn't have said goodbye before I left.
5 The dams have flooded huge areas of land. Governments should have / shouldn't have built so many dams.
6 He didn't apologise. He really ought to have / oughtn't to have apologised.

2 Complete the sentences with should have or shouldn't have and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 You didn't watch where you were going and you tripped over and hurt yourself. I really (watch) where I was going.
2 You forgot your wallet. I really (forget) my wallet.
3 You're lost but you don't have a map. I really (bring) a map with me.
4 It's your best friend's birthday, but you didn't buy them a present. I really (buy) them a present.
5 You ate too much food and now you feel ill. I really (eat) so much.
6 You didn't do your homework. I really (do) my homework.

3 Write sentences using the prompts.

It was raining really hard but I didn't have an umbrella. Should / take umbrella. I should have taken an umbrella.

1 You had a party last night and the music was too loud. should / turn down

2 After the party you didn't tidy up. should / tidy up

3 There were too many people at the party. shouldn't / invite / so many

4 You didn't ask your parents if it was OK to have the party. ought to / ask

5 You stayed up late and now you feel very tired. oughtn't to / stay up late