

Need another word that means the same as “should”? Find 3 synonyms for “should” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Should” are: ought, need, must**

## Should as a Verb

### Definitions of "Should" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “should” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Used to give or ask advice or suggestions.*
- *Used to indicate obligation, duty, or correctness, typically when criticizing someone's actions.*
- *Used in a clause with ‘that’ expressing purpose.*
- *(expressing the conditional mood) referring to a possible event or situation.*
- *Used to indicate what is probable.*
- *Emphasizing how surprising an event was.*
- *(in the first person) indicating the consequence of an imagined event.*
- *Used to give advice.*
- *Used in a clause with ‘that’ after a main clause describing feelings.*
- *(in the first person) expressing a polite request or acceptance.*
- *Indicating a desirable or expected state.*
- *Used to emphasize to a listener how striking an event is or was.*
- *(in the first person) expressing a conjecture or hope.*



## Synonyms of "Should" as a verb (3 Words)

- must** Expressing an opinion about something that is logically very likely.  
*You **must** show your ID card.*
- need** Have or feel a need for.  
*Lest you even more than **needs** embitter our parting.*
- ought** Used to indicate a desirable or expected state.  
*Thanks for your letter which I **ought** to have answered sooner.*



## Usage Examples of "Should" as a verb

- *We should be grateful for your advice.*
- *I should like some more, if I may.*
- *It is astonishing that we should find violence here.*
- *I should hold out if I were you.*
- *You should go back to bed.*
- *He should have been careful.*
- *Should anyone arrive late, admission is likely to be refused.*
- *The bus should arrive in a few minutes.*
- *'It won't happen again.' 'I should hope not.'*
- *If you should change your mind, I'll be at the hotel.*
- *£348 m should be enough to buy him out.*
- *I was in this shop when who should I see across the street but Tobias.*
- *In order that training should be effective it must be planned systematically.*
- *You shouldn't have gone.*

- *He'll have a sore head, I should imagine.*
- *I think we should trust our people more.*
- *You should have seen Marge's face.*
- *By now pupils should be able to read with a large degree of independence.*
- *What should I wear?*
- *If I were to obey my first impulse, I should spend my days writing letters.*

