

Unit 21 Future in the Past

Advice

Andrea What's the matter, Jenny? You look worried,
Jenny Yes ... I'm trying to lose weight.
Andrea Oh, you don't need to lose weight.
Jenny Oh, I do! I've just bought some new jeans and I can't get them on.
They're too tight.
Andrea Well, you should go on a diet.
Jenny I know, but what kind of diet?
Andrea You should eat lots of salad and fruit.
Jenny Yes, but I don't like salad ... I prefer meat.
Andrea Well, you can eat meat, but you shouldn't eat too much.
You shouldn't eat bread or potatoes, either.
Jenny What about alcohol? Can I drink wine?
Andrea Oh, no, you should never drink alcohol.

Max What's the matter, Peter? You don't look very happy.
Peter I'm not. I'm worried about my English.
Max What's the problem?
Peter I'm not practicing enough.
Max Why not?
Peter Well, it's difficult to meet English people.
Max You should go out more.
Peter Where should I go?
Max You should go to pubs, you should join a club.
Peter But. .. English people never speak to me.
Max Ah! You should speak first.
Peter What can I talk about?
Max The weather! English people are always interested in the weather!

Wendy Hello, Charles . . . you look tired today.
Charles Yes, I'm working too hard.
Wendy You should take a holiday.
Charles Yes, I know I should ... but we're just too busy. I'm working twelve hours a day.
Wendy Twelve hours! You're going to kill yourself!
Charles Well, what can I do?
Wendy Perhaps you should change your job.
Charles I can't... I need the money!

Exercise

Write sentences with *should* and *shouldn't*:

- 1 Your friend wants to lose weight.
- 2 Someone wants to learn your language.
- 3 Your friend wants to be a millionaire ...quickly!