

# I think you should...

I think I should + (verb)

This structure is used to talk about something that you feel strongly about doing.

I think I should ask her out on a date.

I think I should consult a specialist.

I think I should give it another try.

I think I should quit smoking.

I think I should get out of this trap as soon as possible.

I think I should improve my English writing skills.

I think you should + verb

This structure is used to give advice or instructions.

I think you should be polite to him.

I think you should accept that offer.

I think you should give it another try.

I think you should explain things to him.

By adding I think, in front of you should, you make the instruction sound more polite.

Compare:

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You should wait for him. (Direct order)

I think you should wait for him. (Less direct (and hence more polite) expression of opinion)

I think he / she / they should + verb

You can use this structure to express your opinion.

I think he should find a better job.

I think he should quit now.

I think they should act now.

I think she should marry that guy.

I think she should mend her ways.

I think he should stop complaining.

The structure I don't think I should can be used to talk about things you are not keen on doing.