



MINI-LESSON 37: BE SUPPOSED TO

Objective:

Learn how to use "**be supposed to**" to talk about expectations, rules, or things that are planned but may not happen.

Grammar Explanation:

Structure

Use

Example

am/is/are + supposed to + base verb

Expectation or obligation

Students **are supposed to be** on time.

was/were + supposed to + base verb

Past expectation

He **was supposed to call** me yesterday.

More examples:

- You **are supposed to wear** a helmet when riding a bike.
- We **were supposed to meet** at the restaurant, but she didn't show up.
- I **am not supposed to eat** sugar because of my diet.

Notes:

- It is often used when something **should** happen, but maybe didn't.
- Negative form: **not supposed to**
→ You're **not supposed to** eat in class.



Practice

A. Choose the correct form of “be supposed to.”

1. I _____ meet my friend at 3:00, but he never came.
 2. They _____ clean their room before going out.
 3. She _____ call her parents every weekend.
 4. We _____ be at work by 8:30.
 5. He _____ bring his book, but he forgot.
 6. You _____ touch the artwork in the museum.
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B. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of be supposed to.

1. I _____ (be) in class right now, but I'm stuck in traffic.
 2. He _____ (not / be) here until 6 p.m.
 3. We _____ (be) quiet during the exam.
 4. They _____ (be) at the meeting yesterday, but they didn't come.
 5. You _____ (not / be) using your phone in the library.
 6. She _____ (be) home an hour ago.
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C. Rewrite each sentence using be supposed to.

1. It's a rule: Drivers must wear seat belts.
→ _____
2. It was expected that she would help us.
→ _____
3. Students must not use phones during tests.
→ _____
4. I planned to go to the gym, but I didn't.
→ _____
5. He's expected to be at the office at 9.
→ _____
6. It was the rule to be quiet in the theater.
→ _____



✓ Answer Key

A. Choose the correct form of “be supposed to”

1. was supposed to
 2. are supposed to
 3. is supposed to
 4. are supposed to
 5. was supposed to
 6. are not supposed to
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B. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of be supposed to

1. am supposed to be
 2. is not supposed to be
 3. are supposed to be
 4. were supposed to be
 5. are not supposed to be
 6. was supposed to be
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C. Rewrite each sentence using be supposed to

1. Drivers are supposed to wear seat belts.
2. She was supposed to help us.
3. Students are not supposed to use phones during tests.
4. I was supposed to go to the gym.
5. He is supposed to be at the office at 9.
6. You were supposed to be quiet in the theater.