

## Getting and Giving Advice

### Should & Ought to

*Should* and *ought to* are used in a very similar way, *should* is followed by the infinitive without 'to', but *ought* is followed by the infinitive with to. Here are the positive, negative and interrogative forms :

*You should talk to him*

*You shouldn't eat so much cake*

*Should we take the bus home?*

*We ought to visit Jenny*

*They ought not to wake him now*

*Do you think we ought to drive?*

### Had better

*Had better* (+ infinitive without 'to') is used to give advice with a stronger sense of obligation than *should* or *ought to*:

*You'd better hurry up, we're going to be late!*

*You'd better not tell Anna*

*We'd better go now, it's getting dark.*

*Hadn't we better ask the teacher first?*

### Asking for Advice

*What should I do (about)...?*

*What am I supposed to do...?*

*What do you think I ought to do (about)...?*

*Do you think I should...?*

*What would you do?*

*Should I...?*

*What do you suggest/think I should do...?*

*Is it a good idea to...?*

### Giving Advice

All expressions are followed by the infinitive form of the verb unless otherwise stated.

*You should...*

*I'd advise you to*

*You ought to...*

*I suggest you...*

*You'd better...*

*It might be worth... (+verb +ing)*

*I think you should...*

*It could be a good idea to...*

*Perhaps you should...*

*You could try... (+verb +ing)*

*How about... (+verb +ing)?*

*Have you thought about... (+verb +ing)?*

*Why don't you...?*

*If I were you, I'd...*

### Speaking Practice

Choose one of the following topics. Prepare 5 questions asking advice on the chosen topic using the different question forms above. Then find a partner and ask each other your questions, make sure you respond using the expressions above:

🌀 Career

🌀 Parenting

🌀 Studies

🌀 Moving house

🌀 Health

🌀 Holidays/Travel

🌀 Relationships

🌀 Finance