

Lesson B What's advisable, necessary, preferable

A Rewrite these sentences about making changes in life. Use the words given.

1. I'd prefer not to move out of my apartment. ('d rather not)
I'd rather not move out of my apartment.
2. I should really learn to drive. (be going to have to)

3. I should save some money to buy a car. (ought to)

4. I think you should talk to your boss about a promotion. (might want to)

5. My brother should get a job soon, or he won't be able to pay his rent. (had better)

6. My classmates shouldn't go out tonight, or they won't pass the exam tomorrow. (had better not)

7. My sister wants to go to Europe. She should learn some English before she goes. ('d better)

8. My friend has to choose her major soon, but she says she prefers not to think about it. ('d rather not)

9. My parents are going to have to retire soon, but they say they prefer to work. (would rather)

10. I should get more exercise – I spend too much time at my desk. (ought to)

Common errors

Use *have to*, not *'d better*, for general advice. Use *'d better* for a particular situation.

You have to get a visa to travel to some countries.
(NOT ~~*You'd better get a visa to travel to some countries.*~~)