CLB4A – Skill Building – MODALS of ADVICE

MODALS	USAGE	EXAMPLES
Should	• Using the modal of advice should is the most common way to suggest something to someone in English. FORM: should + base verb. The negative FORM: should not, often gets contracted to shouldn't.	a. You should tell your boss about the report. b. They should start getting ready to go because the bus leaves at 4:00. c. She shouldn't smoke outside because people are eating on the patio nearby.
Have To	• Have to + base verb is a little more informal and is often used in spoken English and informal writing. FORM: have/has to + base verb NEGATIVE FORM: Do/does/didn't Have to +base verb	a. You have to call your friend tonight. It's her birthday and she'll kill you if you forget. b. She has to bring her own skis because there isn't anywhere to rent them. c. I told my roommate that he doesn't have to pay for groceries this week because I owe him money.
Had Better	• Use had better + base verb to make a stronger suggestion than should. This modal of advice is used when someone thinks the other person really should follow the suggestion, implying that there will be more serious consequences if the advice isn't taken. Had better is a modal expression that is often contracted to **'d** better. The negative form, had better not, is also often contracted to 'd better not.	a. We had better let someone know about the problem. b. He'd better study for the test because he's failing the class. c. I'd better not eat another cookie because I'm on a diet.

FILL in the blanks with **Should, Have/has to or Had better**

1. You should/have to/had better keep a copy of this application for yourself.
2. You should/have to/had better do what the judge said.
3. He should/has to/had better spend less money this month.
4. They should/have to/had better decide if you want a chocolate or vanilla cake for the party.
5. You shouldn't/don't have to/had better not go out tonight without me.
6. His brother should/has to/had better wake up on time for his final exam.
7. Students should/have to/had better study two hours every day.

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