

Exercises

35.1 Read the situations and write sentences with 'd better or 'd better not. Choose a verb from:

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- You're going out for a walk with a friend. It looks as if it might rain.
You say: We'd better take an umbrella.
- You and Kate plan to go to a restaurant tonight. It will be busy.
You say to Kate: We a table.
- Oliver has just cut himself. It's bleeding and he'll need a plaster on it.
You say to him: You on it.
- Rebecca doesn't look well this morning – not well enough to go to work.
You say to her: this morning.
- You're going to the cinema, but you're not sure what time the film starts.
You say: the film starts.
- You need to talk to your boss, but she's very busy right now.
You say to a colleague: right now.

35.2 Is **had better** OK in these sentences? Change to **should** where necessary.

- I have an appointment in ten minutes. I'd better go now or I'll be late. OK
- You'd better set your alarm. You have to get up early tomorrow.
- I'm glad you came to see us. You'd better come more often.
- She'll be sad if we don't invite her to the party, so we'd better invite her.
- It's nearly time to go out. I'd better get ready.
- I think everybody had better learn a foreign language.
- We've just missed the last bus. We'd better get a taxi.

35.3 Complete the sentences. Choose from the box.

- It might rain. We'd better take an umbrella.
- Ben needs to know what happened. Somebody better tell him.
- We'd better park the car here. The road is too narrow.
- You brush your teeth at least twice a day.
- What are we going to do? It's time decide.
- better not be late. It's an important meeting.
- It's time they here. They promised they wouldn't be late.
- The window is open. You'd close it before you go out.
- We'd better leave as soon as possible, we?
- The government should something about the problem.
- It's time the government something about the problem.
- It's time something done about the problem.

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35.4 Read the situations and write sentences with **It's time** (somebody **did** something).

- You're at a friend's house. You planned to go home at 11 o'clock. It's already 11 o'clock now.
(I / go) It's time I went home.
- You haven't had a holiday for a very long time. You need one now.
(I / holiday) It's time
- It's 10 o'clock. It's after the children's bedtime. You think they should be in bed.
(children / bed)
- You didn't realise it was so late. You need to start cooking dinner.
(start / cook) dinner.
- Kate is always complaining about everything. You think she complains too much.
(stop / complaining) about everything.
- The company you work for has been badly managed for a long time. You think some changes should be made.
(changes / make) in the way the company is run.

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