

# GRAMMAR: HAD BETTER & WOULD RATHER

## Grammar Summary

| Structure           | Form  | Use   | Example                            |
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| <b>HAD BETTER</b>   | S + had better (not) + base verb                            | Strong advice; warning of consequence       | <i>She had better get help!</i>    |
| <b>WOULD RATHER</b> | S + would rather (not) + base verb / ... + than + base verb | Preference; choosing one thing over another | <i>I'd rather talk to animals.</i> |

### Activity G1 — Choose the Correct Option

Circle the correct phrase to complete each sentence.

1. You ( had better / would rather ) see a doctor — that injury looks serious.
2. I ( had better / would rather ) live in a city than in the countryside.
3. She ( had better / would rather ) not forget to charge her phone before the trip.
4. Would you ( had better / would rather ) fly or be invisible?
5. He ( had better / would rather ) not be late again — the boss is already angry.
6. They ( had better / would rather ) stay home than go out in this storm.
7. You ( had better / would rather ) bring your ID to the convention.
8. I ( had better / would rather ) not watch that film — it's too violent for me.
9. We ( had better / would rather ) hurry, or we'll miss the beginning of the video.
10. Anna ( had better / would rather ) have super speed than strength.

### Activity G2 — Sentence Transformation

Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets. Do not change the meaning.

1. It's a good idea to leave now — there might be traffic. [HAD BETTER]

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2. I prefer to read minds over becoming invisible. [WOULD RATHER]

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3. You should not eat before the competition. [HAD BETTER NOT]

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4. She prefers to have super strength, not super speed. [WOULD RATHER]

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5. It's very important that he calls for help immediately. [HAD BETTER]

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6. They want to live near a park more than near a shopping mall. [WOULD RATHER]

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7. You should take an umbrella — it's going to rain. [HAD BETTER]

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8. My preference is to walk, not take the bus. [WOULD RATHER]

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9. It's advisable that she not go out alone at night. [HAD BETTER NOT]

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10. He prefers watching the video in English over watching it with subtitles.

[WOULD RATHER]

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