

GRAMMAR: HAD BETTER & WOULD RATHER

Grammar Summary

Structure	Form	Use	Example
HAD BETTER	S + had better (not) + base verb	Strong advice; warning of consequence	<i>She had better get help!</i>
WOULD RATHER	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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[WOULD RATHER]
