

Asking for and giving advice



To ask for advice, use phrases such as:

- ▶ *Do you think I should see a doctor? I need some advice about healthy eating.*

To ask for information, use phrases such as:

- ▶ *Can/Could you tell me where the railway station is? I'd like some information about English classes. Where can I find some information about hotels? Can you show me how to use this camera?*

To make a suggestion, use:

- ▶ *You could try asking Petra. Why don't you talk to him about it? Why not look for a better job?*

To give stronger advice, use:

- ▶ *It's a good idea to wash the fruit before you eat it. You should try to improve your English. You really should ask him to leave.*

To give very strong advice, use:

- ▶ *You must always lock the door. You mustn't go out after dark.*

Exercise 3 44.4

Put these sentences in order to make two dialogues.



- 1 ☐ OK, here's a timetable.
☐ It's a good idea to look on the internet, to get the best prices.
☐ Thanks. Can you tell me where to buy the tickets?
☒ I'd like some information about trains from London to Edinburgh, please.



- 2 ☐ Why don't we meet in the park later and I can show you how to do it?
☒ Anna and I are going camping next month, but I've never been before, so I need some practical advice.
☐ I can email you a list of the things you'll need if you like.
☐ That would be great, thanks. I really need some clear instructions about how to put up the tent.

Exercise 4

Match each question (1-6) with the advice given (a-f).

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| 1 Where can I find out about guitar lessons? | a I'm not sure – let's check the timetable. |
| 2 I've bought a coffee machine, but I can't understand the instructions. | b This website has lots of tips to help you spend less. |
| 3 Do you think we should go to the station now? | c You could try asking Larissa – she knows a lot about photography. |
| 4 I need some practical advice on saving money. | d Why not try the new restaurant in the old town? |
| 5 Could you suggest somewhere nice to eat? | e I'll come over later and show you how to use it. |
| 6 Where can I find some information about cameras? | f I have a list of teachers, but it's not up-to-date. |

Use the words you've learned...

- 1 You have just arrived at a hotel in a new city. Ask for information about the hotel and the city.
- 2 Invent a problem that you have. Describe your problem and ask a friend for advice.
- 3 Invent a problem that a friend has. Give your friend some advice.