

GIVING ADVICE

A2-B1 | Functional language for giving advice

1 Useful phrase patterns

Study the patterns. Use them to give advice in Activity 2.

You should + base verb

You should talk to your manager.

You could + base verb

You could ask a friend for help.

Why don't you + base verb?

Why don't you make a list?

How about + -ing?

How about taking a short break?

If I were you, I'd + base verb

If I were you, I'd save some money.

Maybe you should + base verb

Maybe you should see a doctor.

Don't forget to + base verb

Don't forget to bring your passport.

It's a good idea to + base verb

It's a good idea to get some sleep.

2 Give advice

Read each situation. Write one complete piece of advice. Use a different phrase pattern each time.

1. I am trying to lose weight.

2. I have no money until payday.

3. I have an important exam next week.

4. I often arrive late for work or school.

5. I want to improve my English.

6. I can't sleep well at night.

7. I don't understand my homework.

8. I am bored at the weekend.

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3 Possible answers

These are examples only. Other grammatically correct, suitable advice is also acceptable.

Encourage students to use a range of the phrase patterns from page 1.

1. You should eat healthy food and exercise regularly.

2. You could make a simple budget and avoid unnecessary shopping.

3. Why don't you make a study plan and practise a little every day?

4. Maybe you should set an alarm ten minutes earlier.

5. How about listening to English podcasts or watching short videos?

6. It's a good idea to stop using your phone before bed.

7. If I were you, I'd ask the teacher to explain it again.

8. Don't forget to make time for something you enjoy.
