

GIVING ADVICE

B2-C1 | Functional language for giving advice

1 Useful phrase patterns

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

You might want to + base verb

You might want to speak to the landlord first.

Have you considered + -ing?

Have you considered applying for a different role?

It might be worth + -ing

It might be worth comparing a few options.

If I were in your position, I would + base verb

If I were in your position, I would ask for feedback.

One option would be to + base verb

One option would be to negotiate a later deadline.

You would be better off + -ing

You would be better off dealing with it early.

I would strongly recommend + -ing

I would strongly recommend taking out insurance.

The best course of action would be to + base verb

The best course of action would be to keep a written record.

2 Give advice

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

1. I am considering changing careers, but I am not sure what to do first.

2. My flatmate makes a lot of noise late at night.

3. I have too much work and an important deadline is approaching.

4. A colleague often misses deadlines and it affects my work.

5. I am moving to a new city where I do not know anyone.

6. I want to save money, but I keep spending too much online.

7. I am planning a long trip and I am worried about unexpected problems.

8. I disagree with a friend, and the situation is becoming uncomfortable.

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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. It might be worth identifying the skills you enjoy using before you start applying for jobs.

2. You might want to explain calmly how the noise affects you and agree on quiet hours.

3. One option would be to prioritise the essential tasks and ask whether the deadline can be adjusted.

4. If I were in your position, I would keep a record of the missed deadlines before discussing it with your manager.

5. Have you considered joining a club or class where you can meet people with similar interests?

6. You would be better off setting a monthly limit and removing saved card details from shopping sites.

7. I would strongly recommend taking out travel insurance and keeping copies of important documents.

8. The best course of action would be to talk privately and focus on solving the problem rather than winning the argument.
