

GIVING ADVICE PHRASES

A2-C1 | Functional language reference

Choose a phrase that matches the situation, the relationship, and how direct you want to sound.

Use the base verb after each pattern (keep any to shown). Use -ing after patterns marked + -ing.

Direct and everyday advice

- You should + base verb
You should make a list.
- You could + base verb
You could ask a friend.
- Why don't you + base verb?
Why don't you take a break?
- How about + -ing?
How about going for a walk?
- If I were you, I'd + base verb
If I were you, I'd talk to them.
- Maybe you should + base verb
Maybe you should see a doctor.
- Don't forget to + base verb
Don't forget to bring your ID.
- It's a good idea to + base verb
It's a good idea to save money.

More advanced advice patterns

- You might want to + base verb
You might want to speak to your manager.
- Have you considered + -ing?
Have you considered applying for another job?
- 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.

There may be several suitable ways to give advice. Think about clarity, politeness, and the context.