

WOULD RATHER & IT'S TIME

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Express preferences about actions and say that a change is overdue.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Give details and ask a follow-up. You can invent personal details.

A: Shall I send the invitation now?

B: I'd **rather you waited** until we've checked the date.

A: Fair enough, but it's **time we made** a decision. People need some notice.

2. PREFERENCES AND PRIORITIES

1. What **would you rather do** on a free evening than watch television? Why?
2. Would you **rather work** alone or with others on a difficult task?
3. What **would you rather people didn't do** when you are concentrating?
4. When visiting a friend, **would you rather they planned** activities or left things open?
5. What change is overdue in your routine? Start with **It's time I ...**
6. What local problem needs action? Start with **It's time the council ...**

Keep talking: Why that preference? / What would you rather we did? / Why is the change overdue?

3. NEGOTIATE A CHANGE

Discuss the situation and use a suitable preference or overdue-action expression.

7. Your partner wants to publish a group photo. What **would you rather they did** first?
8. A shared task has been postponed repeatedly. Finish: **It's time we ...**
9. You need to make a complaint. **Would you rather call** or write? Explain.
10. A friend visits very early without notice. What **would you rather they did**?

4. AGREE ON HOUSE RULES

Imagine you share a home or workspace. Discuss noise, visitors and unfinished tasks.

Explain preferences for your own actions and the other person's actions. Identify an overdue change.

Example: I'd **rather you called** first. It's **time we agreed** on visiting hours.

Negotiate two fair rules, then explain the compromise to another pair.

Answer help: I'd rather do ... / I'd rather you did / didn't ... / It's time we ...

Remember: Same subject: base verb. Different subject: past form. These refer to now or later.