

Had better would rather

Answer key

1 Complete with had better or had better not.

- 1 It's going to rain. We had better take (take) an umbrella.
- 2 You had better not be (not / be) late for the interview.
- 3 I had better call (call) my mom. It's her birthday.
- 4 You had better not tell (not / tell) anyone about this.
- 5 We had better leave (leave) now, or we'll miss the train.
- 6 He had better not forget (not / forget) his passport this time.
- 7 You had better check (check) the price before you order.
- 8 I had better not eat (not / eat) any more cake.
- 9 The boss is in a bad mood. You had better not ask (not / ask) for a raise today.

2 Complete with would rather, would prefer or than.

- 1 I would rather stay (rather / stay) home tonight.
- 2 I would prefer to sit (prefer / sit) by the window, please.
- 3 She would rather not talk (rather / not / talk) about it.
- 4 Would you rather have pizza or sushi?
- 5 We'd rather drive than fly.
- 6 I would prefer not to work (prefer / not / work) on Sundays.
- 7 Would you prefer to meet (meet) on Monday or Tuesday?
- 8 I'd rather pay (pay) by card.
- 9 He'd rather watch a movie at home than go to a club.
- 10 Would you rather live (live) in the city or in the country?

3 Complete with the past form of the verb.

- 1 I'd rather you didn't smoke (not / smoke) in the car.
- 2 I'd rather you called (call) me before you come over.
- 3 My wife would rather we stayed (stay) with her parents.
- 4 I'd rather you didn't tell (not / tell) the kids yet.

3 Complete with the past form of the verb.

- 5 Would you rather I came (come) back later?
- 6 I'd rather you were (be) honest with me.
- 7 My boss would rather I worked (work) from the office.
- 8 I'd rather they didn't bring (not / bring) the dog.

4 Circle the correct form.

- 1 You _____ hurry. The store closes in ten minutes.
had better / would rather / had better to
- 2 I'd rather _____ at home tonight.
to stay / stay / staying
- 3 I'd prefer _____ by email, if that's OK.
reply / to reply / replying
- 4 You _____ drive. You've had two beers.
had better not / hadn't better / had not better to
- 5 I'd rather walk _____ take the bus.
than / to / that
- 6 I'd rather you _____ my phone without asking.
don't use / didn't use / not use
- 7 Would you _____ sit inside or outside?
rather / better / prefer
- 8 I'd prefer not _____ about work at dinner.
talk / to talk / talking
- 9 We _____ book a table. It's always busy on Fridays.
would prefer / 'd better / had rather

5 Put the words in order.

- 1 had / a / see / doctor / you / better / .
You had better see a doctor.
- 2 it / about / I'd / not / rather / talk / .
I'd rather not talk about it.
- 3 would / or / stay / go / out / you / in / rather / ?
Would you rather stay in or go out?
- 4 miss / bus / we / the / not / better / had / .
We had better not miss the bus.
- 5 prefer / I / work / would / home / to / from / .
I would prefer to work from home.

5 Put the words in order.

- 6 me / call / didn't / would / late / so / rather / I / you / .

I would rather you didn't call me so late.

- 7 rather / drive / she / would / walk / than / .

She would rather walk than drive.

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 You had better called her back.

You had better call her back.

- 2 He'd better not drives tonight.

He'd better not drive tonight.

- 3 I'd rather you don't tell anyone.

I'd rather you didn't tell anyone.

- 4 I would rather walk then drive.

I would rather walk than drive.

- 5 You better had check the address.

You had better check the address.

- 6 She would rather staying home with the kids.

She would rather stay home with the kids.

- 7 Do you rather sit by the window?

Would you rather sit by the window?

- 8 We had better don't miss the deadline.

We had better not miss the deadline.

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about your advice and preferences.

THIS WEEK I'D BETTER...

I'D RATHER... THAN...

Answers will vary.