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Unit 16 You'd better...

In this lesson: Give advice to someone visiting your country
Function: Giving advice

Introduction

- 1 a Work with a partner. Look at the pictures on the page and discuss the questions below.
What problems do you think the people in the pictures have?
What advice would you give to each person?



- 1 b Share your ideas with the class.

example Picture A:

His dog, John, has recently died.

He's feeling sad and is thinking about getting a new dog.

I advise him to get a new dog. He'll always remember John, but he'd be happier if he had a new dog to take care of.

Reading

- 2 Read the letter to a magazine's "agony aunt".
Which of the people in the pictures in **activity 1** wrote the letter?

Dear Edith,

Please help me! I'm in love with the sweetest, most amazing man. We've been seeing each other for two months and he's recently suggested that, one day, we get married.

The problem is, just because I am seventeen years old and he's forty-eight and because he's in prison at the moment (they said he killed his wife but, really, she sounded like a terrible woman), everybody thinks our relationship is somehow wrong. My parents have said I am not to visit him any more. (We met on a school trip to the prison - I think our teachers were trying to scare us or something...) They are so mean!

And now my father's angry because I told him I want to leave school and get a job. Doesn't he understand that, when we get married, we'll need money? It's so unfair!

Yours sincerely,

Daphne Henderson

- 3 a Work with a partner.
Read Edith's reply below and underline the best options to complete the advice she gives.

Dear Daphne,

I'm afraid your parents are right. You must / mustn't listen to what they say. It's true - you probably are too young to get married. You should / shouldn't wait until you are older. Also, you had better / had better not marry someone in prison, who you could never live with. You ought to / oughtn't to be with someone closer to your own age and, really, you probably mustn't / shouldn't marry someone with a history of wife murdering.

As for leaving school, your father's definitely right. You simply mustn't / shouldn't throw away your chance to get an education. You had better / had better not think seriously about your future. Stop living in a fantasy world!

Good luck,
Edith

- 3 b 29 Listen and check your answers.

Language Spotlight

We can give advice in different ways.

should + base form of the verb

ought to + base form of the verb

(**ought to / oughtn't to** are more formal and less common than **should / shouldn't**)

He **should wait** until he's older.

She **ought to be** with someone her own age.

You **shouldn't get** married yet.

You **oughtn't to leave** school before you're 18.

We can use **must** and **mustn't** to give **very strong** advice.

must + base form of the verb

You **must listen** to what they say.

You **mustn't see** him any more.

We can use **had better** to suggest that something **bad** will happen if someone **ignores** the advice.

had better + base form of the verb

She'd **better study** hard (or she won't get a good mark).

He'd **better not be** late for work again (or his boss will be angry).

We **don't** use **had better** for general advice and recommendations.

✓ If you visit the UK, you must try an English breakfast.

✓ If you visit the UK, you should try an English breakfast.

X If you visit the UK, you had better try an English breakfast.

Practice

4 Work with a partner.

Underline the best option and insert a verb from the box to complete each sentence below.

Use each verb only once.

have visit be go try ask wear

a You absolutely **should / must** try fish and chips when you visit the UK!

b When you go to Kyoto, you'd **better / should** _____ the Golden Temple.

c There's no choice. He **should / must** _____ an operation immediately.

d Your car's making a strange sound. I think you'd **better / must** _____
a mechanic to take a look at it for you.

e You'd **better not / shouldn't** _____ bright clothes to funerals.

f This is your last chance – you'd **better not / shouldn't** _____ late for work again!

g If he wants to lose weight, he probably **ought to / must** _____ on a diet.



Natural Sounding

5 a 30 What happens to the underlined letters in the sentences below?

1 You mustn't see him any more.

2 You mustn't worry so much.

3 You mustn't argue with her.

How is **sentence 3** different from **sentences 1** and **2**?

5 b 30 Listen again and copy the pronunciation.

YOUR Speaking Voice

6 a Work with a partner.

Read the ideas below for foreign visitors coming to stay in your country.

Write each idea in the best place in the table below.

Try the local delicacy.

Greet the people in your host family with a kiss.

Bring a gift from your home country.

Keep your room clean. Buy a map of the train system.

Learn how to say 'thank you' and 'please' in the local language.

You should / ought to...	
You shouldn't / oughtn't to...	
You must...	
You mustn't...	
You'd better...	
You'd better not...	

6 b Write one more piece of advice in each part of the table.

7 a Share your ideas with the class.

7 b As a class, choose the five most important pieces of advice for a foreign visitor.

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