EXERCISES

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.

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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.

Answer key

YOUR LIFE

7 **Write about your advice and preferences.**

THIS WEEK I'D BETTER...	I'D RATHER... THAN...

Answers will vary.