

Giving Advice

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- ▶ *If you've got + noun, you should +v1 + noun:*
 - ▶ *If you've got* sunburn, you should **rub** on lotion.
- ▶ *If I were you, I would + v1 + noun:*
 - ▶ *If I were you, I would* **get** some rest.
- ▶ *You could always + v 1 + noun* (e.g., **get** some rest.)
- ▶ *It's a good idea to ...* (e.g., **get** some rest.)
- ▶ *Why don't you...* (e.g., **get** some rest?)
- ▶ *Try + verb-ing ...* (e.g., **getting** some rest.)
- ▶ *Have you tried + verb-ing ...* (e.g., **getting** some rest?)

Exercise 1: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct grammatical form to complete each sentence based on the advice structures learned.

1. If you've got a terrible headache, you _____ an painkiller and lie down.

- ▶ a) should taking
- ▶ b) should take
- ▶ c) should to take

Choose the correct grammatical form to complete each sentence based on the advice structures learned.

2. Have you tried _____ to some calming music before you go to sleep?

- ▶ a) to listen
- ▶ b) listen
- ▶ c) listening

Choose the correct grammatical form to complete each sentence based on the advice structures learned.

3. It's a good idea _____ your supervisor before making any big changes to the project.

- ▶ a) to consult
- ▶ b) consult
- ▶ c) consulting

Choose the correct grammatical form to complete each sentence based on the advice structures learned.

4. If I _____ you, I would take a few days off to recover from the flu.

- ▶ a) am
- ▶ b) were
- ▶ c) be

Choose the correct grammatical form to complete each sentence based on the advice structures learned.

5. Why don't you _____ asking your colleagues for some help with the presentation?

- ▶ a) try
- ▶ b) trying
- ▶ c) to try

Exercise 2: Key Word Transformation

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between 2 and 4 words, including the word given.

1. I advise you to get some rest. **WERE**

► If _____, I would get some rest.

2. Maybe doing some exercise would help your stress. **TRIED**

► Have _____ some exercise to relieve your stress?

3. Another option is to study with a partner. **ALWAYS**

► You _____ with a partner if you are struggling with the material.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between 2 and 4 words, including the word given.

4. I suggest talking to a financial advisor. **IDEA**

► It's a _____ to a financial advisor about your savings.

5. How about taking a different route to work to avoid traffic? **DON'T**

► Why _____ a different route to work to avoid traffic?

Exercise 3: Error Correction

Each of the following sentences contains **one** grammatical mistake related to the advice structures in your presentation. Find the mistake and write the correct sentence.

1. If you've got a sunburn, you should to rub on some aloe vera lotion.
2. Try drink chamomile tea if you are having trouble sleeping.
3. You could always calling tech support if your computer freezes again.
4. If I was you, I would look for a cheaper apartment closer to the university.
(Note: Look for the strictly formal/correct grammar rule for advice).
5. Why don't you getting a new gym membership for the new year?

Answer Key

Exercise 1: Multiple Choice

- ▶ 1. b) should take (Rule: should + v1)
- ▶ 2. c) listening (Rule: Have you tried + verb-ing)
- ▶ 3. a) to consult (Rule: It's a good idea to...)
- ▶ 4. b) were (Rule: If I were you...)
- ▶ 5. a) try (Rule: Why don't you + v1 — in this case, "try" acts as the v1 before the gerund)

Answer Key

Exercise 2: Key Word Transformation

- ▶ 1. ... I were you ...
- ▶ 2. ... you tried doing ...
- ▶ 3. ... could always study ...
- ▶ 4. ... good idea to talk ...
- ▶ 5. ... don't you take ...

Answer Key

Exercise 3: Error Correction

- ▶ 1. Incorrect: *should to rub* -> Correct: If you've got a sunburn, you **should rub** on some aloe vera lotion. (Rule: should + v1)
- ▶ 2. Incorrect: *Try drink* -> Correct: **Try drinking** chamomile tea if you are having trouble sleeping. (Rule: Try + verb-ing)
- ▶ 3. Incorrect: *could always calling* -> Correct: You **could always call** tech support if your computer freezes again. (Rule: could always + v1)
- ▶ 4. Incorrect: *If I was* -> Correct: **If I were** you, I would look for a cheaper apartment closer to the university. (Rule: If I were you...)
- ▶ 5. Incorrect: *don't you getting* -> Correct: Why **don't you get** a new gym membership for the new year? (Rule: Why don't you + v1)