

# 09 Giving advice and opinions

When you want to give advice or make recommendations, you can use a variety of modal verbs. You can vary the strength of your advice by using different modals.

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## 9.1 KEY LANGUAGE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

One of the most common ways of recommending something or making a suggestion is to use modal verbs. When you offer advice, you often also give your opinion about a topic.



You  **could** / **might** visit the park. It's nice.

General suggestion.



You  **should** / **ought to** visit the castle. It's great.

Stronger suggestion.



You **must** visit the palace. It is beautiful!

Very strong suggestion.



## 9.2 MARK THE SPEECH BUBBLES THAT INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS

My son is going to Paris next week. You went last year, didn't you?



Yes, I did! He should visit the Tuileries Garden; it's beautiful.

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You really must try the new Italian restaurant on Main Street.

2



I'm going there at lunch time! Why don't you come with me?

1

It's such a sunny day! You could go to the park later if you have time.



I have to go shopping. I'll definitely try to go if I finish early.

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What should I do for my birthday this year? I can't believe I'll be 30!



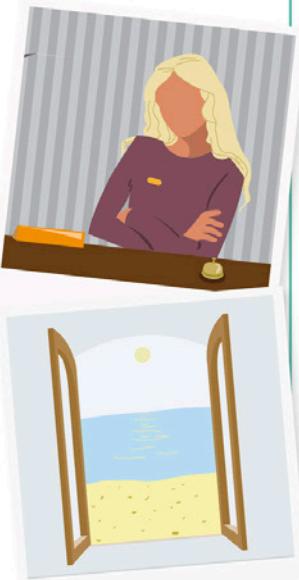
You ought to have a big party with all your friends. It would be great!





### 9.3 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PANEL

The food in the restaurant is fresh and homemade. The selection at breakfast was just awesome. *You should definitely eat there.*



- Everything about this hotel, from the dark interior to the hard stares of the grumpy staff, was unwelcoming.
- The hotel's employees are wonderful. They did everything to make our honeymoon perfect.
- Not bad, although the furniture in the hotel was falling apart. The walls were very thin and it was quite noisy.
- I paid for a room with a view of the ski slopes, but all I could see was the wall of the building across from us.
- Outstanding! I can understand the rave reviews for this great place. Our balcony overlooked the ocean.

You should tell them if it's a special occasion.

You might want to bring earplugs.

You must ask for a room with an ocean view!

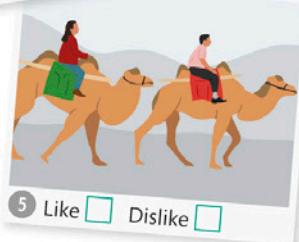
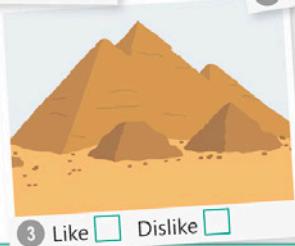
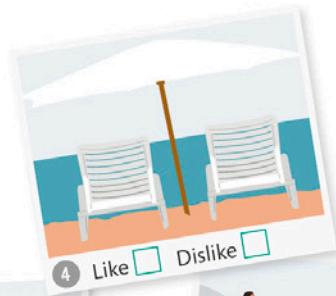
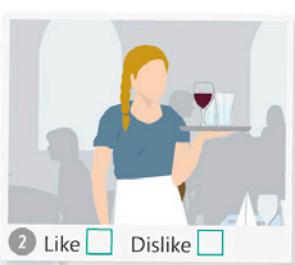
You could ask to change rooms if this happens.

*You should definitely eat there.*

They ought to hire a new receptionist!



### 9.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MARK WHETHER JEFF LIKED OR DISLIKED EACH ACTIVITY



## 9.5 KEY LANGUAGE GIVING ADVICE

You can also use modals to give advice based on facts. These can highlight the negative consequences of ignoring the advice.



You **should** / **ought to** wear a hat. It's very sunny.

General advice.



You **must** wear a hat or you'll get sunburned.

Strong advice; there are negative consequences if it is not followed.



## 9.6 OTHER WAYS TO GIVE ADVICE

You can also give advice using the phrases  
"If I were you..." and  
"You had better..."  
(usually contracted to "You'd better...").

This is a fixed phrase for giving advice as if you were the listener.

**If I were you, I would wear a hat.**

**You'd better wear a hat.**

This is used to give very strong advice. It may even suggest a threat.

### TIP

You might hear people say, "If I was you..." but this is incorrect in formal English.



## 9.7 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, CHOOSING THE CORRECT WORDS

The open air concert hall is amazing. You really **ought to** / **might** see it.



- 1 That snake is poisonous. You **must** / **could** go to the doctor about that bite or it'll get worse.
- 2 We **might** / **had better** go back to the boat. It's leaving soon and we don't want to miss it.
- 3 Perhaps you **must** / **could** go to France this summer. That would be nice.
- 4 Everyone says the castle is stunning and that we **must** / **could** see the view from the tower.





## 9.8 READ ANNE'S POSTCARD AND MARK WHAT SHE LIKED AND DISLIKED

The airline	Like <input type="checkbox"/>	Dislike <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 The beach resort	Like <input type="checkbox"/>	Dislike <input type="checkbox"/>
2 The hotel staff	Like <input type="checkbox"/>	Dislike <input type="checkbox"/>
3 The food	Like <input type="checkbox"/>	Dislike <input type="checkbox"/>
4 The pyramids	Like <input type="checkbox"/>	Dislike <input type="checkbox"/>
5 The camel ride	Like <input type="checkbox"/>	Dislike <input type="checkbox"/>
6 The weather	Like <input type="checkbox"/>	Dislike <input type="checkbox"/>

Hi Sara,

I'm writing from the airport. If I were you, I'd avoid flying with CheapAir. There were so many delays! The resort was nice, and the staff were wonderful, but the trip itself seemed to really drag on. The food wasn't very good either. The highlights for me were the excursions. The pyramids were amazing and then yesterday I had a great time riding camels. It was much too hot though. You really must try to visit one day, though I'm not sure I'd go again! You should have dinner with us once we're back. I have loads of photos to show you.

Lots of love, Anne



## 9.9 WRITE A POSTCARD RECOMMENDING A TRIP USING THE PROMPTS

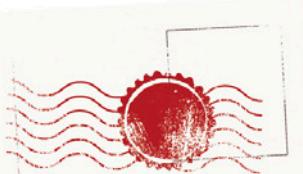
Hi \_\_\_\_\_

I'm traveling back tonight. I can't believe my trip is over already!  
I really enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_

The town was \_\_\_\_\_

You really should \_\_\_\_\_

Lots of love,



## 09 ✓ CHECKLIST



Modals for advice and opinion

Aa Recommendations



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