

Unit 6 • Lesson B: Problems and solutions

Vocabulary

Doing good

do some good (for)	(v)	
do volunteer work	(v)	
do your best	(v)	
make a difference	(v)	
make an effort to do something	(v)	

Dealing with things

do a lot of thinking	(v)	
do research	(v)	
do something about a problem	(v)	
do the math	(v)	
ignore a problem	(v)	
make a decision to do something	(v)	
make a list (of)	(v)	
make a living	(v)	
make a mistake	(v)	
make excuses	(v)	
make sense	(v)	
make up your mind (if)	(v)	

Interacting with people

do the talking	(v)	
just be yourself	(v)	
make an appointment to see someone	(v)	
make a good impression on someone	(v)	
make an excuse	(v)	
make fun of	(v)	
make (nice) comments	(v)	

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Advisability

had better (not)	(v)	
might want to	(v)	
ought to	(v)	

Necessity

don't have to	(v)	
going to have to	(v)	
have got to	(v)	

Preference

would rather (not)	(v)	
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Other words

colleague	(n)	
co-worker	(n)	
promotion	(n)	
schedule	(n)	
volunteer work	(n)	
by next week		
for the first time		

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Grammar

What's advisable, necessary, preferable

What's advisable

You can use *had better*, *ought to*, or *might want to* + verb to give advice or say something is advisable:

You'd **better** do something quickly. ('d = *had*)

I **ought to** do some volunteer work.

You **might want to** take a colleague with you.

Remember: Don't use *had better* for general advice.

What's necessary

You can use *be going to have to* or *have got to* + verb to say something is necessary:

I'm **going to have to** do something about it.

I've **got to** decide by next week. ('ve = *have*)

Have got to is stronger than *going to have to*.

You can use *don't have to* + verb to describe something that is **not** necessary:

You **don't have to** spend time on this.

What's preferable

You can use *would rather* + verb to say that it's better to do this than something else:

I'd **rather** stay in my current job. ('d = *would*)

You can use *would rather not* + verb to say something is **not** preferable:

I'd **rather not** change jobs because I really like my current job.