

Maybe we can create today a short grammar test together.

We could do it on the simple topic "Difference between should and had better"

We could work in the Miro Whiteboard like this

1) One gives instructions to the other one (e.g make a sentence with "should" or "had better" , which has something to do with football and a goalkeeper who is often drunk )

2) The other one makes than the sentence

3) We change the roles

In the end, we should have 10 sentences in no time. And we can put the test on [anglaisfacile.com](https://www.anglaisfacile.com)

# Had better It's time ...

A

Had better (I'd better / you'd better etc.)

I'd better do something = it is advisable to do it. If I don't do it, there will be a problem or a danger:

- ☐ I have to meet Ann in ten minutes. I'd better go now or I'll be late.
- ☐ 'Shall I take an umbrella?' 'Yes, you'd better. It might rain.'
- ☐ We'd better stop for petrol soon. The tank is almost empty.

The negative is I'd better not (= I had better not):

- ☐ 'Are you going out tonight?' 'I'd better not. I've got a lot to do.'
- ☐ You don't look very well. You'd better not go to work today.

Remember that:

The form is 'had better' (usually 'I'd better / you'd better' etc. in spoken English).

- ☐ I'd better phone Carol, hadn't I?

Had is normally past, but the meaning of had better is present or future, *not* past.

- ☐ I'd better go to the bank now / tomorrow.

We say 'I'd better do' (*not* to do).

- ☐ It might rain. We'd better take an umbrella. (*not* We'd better to take)

B



You say to Liz: (a taxi) .....

2 Put in **had better** where suitable. If **had better** is not suitable, use **should**.

1 I have an appointment in ten minutes. I ..... go now or I'll be late.

2 It's a great film. You ..... go and see it. You'll really like it.

3 I ..... get up early tomorrow. I've got a lot to do.

4 When people are driving, they ..... keep their eyes on the road.

5 I'm glad you came to see us. You ..... come more often.

6 She'll be upset if we don't invite her to the wedding, so we ..... invite her.

7 These biscuits are delicious. You ..... try one.

8 I think everybody ..... learn a foreign language.

## Had better and should

**Had better** is similar to **should** but not exactly the same. We use **had better** only for a specific situation (not for things in general). You can use **should** in all types of situations to give an opinion or give advice:

- ☐ It's late. You'd **better** go. / You **should** go. (a specific situation)
- ☐ You're always at home. You **should** go out more often. (in general – *not* 'had better go')

Also, with **had better**, there is always a danger or a problem if you don't follow the advice.

**Should** only means 'it is a good thing to do'. Compare:

- ☐ It's a great film. You **should** go and see it. (but no problem if you don't)
- ☐ The film starts at 8.30. You'd **better** go now or you'll be late.



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**nous \* (manger) des cerises. (dans le champ Question)**  
**mangeons (dans le petit champ Réponse)**  
**[SI VOUS AVEZ UN DOUTE, CLIQUEZ ICI POUR VOIR UN AUTRE EXEMPLE.](#)**

**Question 1** You haven't drunk anything for 4 days. You \* drink something now if you don't want to die of thir:

**Réponse :** had better

**Question 2**

**Réponse :**

**Question 3**

**Réponse :**

**Question 4**

**Réponse :**

**Question 5**

**Réponse :**

You had better cook the meat of a dead animal before you eat it if you don't want to get sick because of some bacteria.

You should care for your health if you want to have a long life.

~~You should~~ always put on a helmet when you go for a bike ride.

You had better not drink so much alcohol at the wedding, otherwise you might cause an accident on the way home.

You should practice a new language every day if you want to speak it fluently.

If someone offers you strawberries to eat, you should thank him.

If you work as a teacher you had better create a learning agreement with your student to avoid frequent cancellations.

If you want to have your own thoughts and become a creative person, you had better not watch TV so much.

The football team of my city often loses because its goalkeeper goes to the football pitch drunk. If you want to be successful in sport, you had better not drink alcohol before the games.

You should consume less if you want to protect the environment.

You had better not go to casinos and gamble playing card games if you don't want to get addicted and lose all your money.

You had better not throw all your money out of the window if you want to have enough for your next trip.