

Giving Advice

Instruction: Read the following situations and suggest possible solutions to the problems.

Useful Expressions	
<i>If I were you, I would...</i>	<i>You had better...</i>
<i>If I were in your position...</i>	<i>You will have to...</i>
<i>If I were in your shoes...</i>	<i>It is time you...</i>
<i>I think you should...</i>	<i>You could always...</i>
<i>You should...</i>	<i>Have you thought about...</i>
<i>You ought to...</i>	<i>Have you tried...</i>
<i>Why don't you...</i>	<i>Have you thought about...</i>
<i>It would be a good idea if you...</i>	<i>I don't think you should...</i>

My neighbors are too noisy.	I'm too quiet and shy.
I have a job interview but I have nothing to wear.	My boyfriend/girlfriend is angry with me.
I don't know how to dance.	I can't sleep at night.
I forgot to buy my mother a birthday present.	I want to quit drinking.
My boss keeps asking to go on a date.	I hate my roommate.
I'm a slob.	I'm always procrastinating.
I am going bald.	I keep losing my credit card.
I can't speak English well.	I'm addicted to the internet.
My back hurts.	I'm bored and lonely.
I love someone who doesn't love me.	I have trouble talking to other people.

Let's Talk!

1. When is a good time to give advice to a friend?
2. When is a bad time to give advice to a friend?
3. When you are given advice, do you listen? Does it depend on who gives you the advice? Who do you listen to?
4. Have you ever taken someone's advice and it ends up making the situation worse? Give some examples.
5. Give an example of a time that you didn't take someone's advice but you wish you would have.
6. What if a friend asks you for advice about something and you really have no idea what to say? Should you still try to give your friend advice?
7. Is advice always free? Where do we go if we need to pay for advice? Is paying for advice a waste of money?