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Asking For and Giving Advice

Useful Language

Asking for Advice

What do you think I should do (about...)?

What should I do (about...)?

What would you do (about...)?

What would you suggest (I do) (I should do about...)?

Can / Could you give me some advice (about...)?



Giving Advice

I think you should...

Why don't you...?

If I were you, I would...

Maybe you should...

I suggest you...

How about (verb+ing...)?

You might try (verb+ing...)

I would advise you to...

My advice would be to...

It might be a good idea to...



A. Brainstorm a list of ten advice topics that you use in your daily life.

Examples: a low GPA, a broken heart, being late to class, etc.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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B. Use the useful language from the previous page to ask for and give advice on your ten topics.

Example: Low GPA

A: What do you think I should do about my low GPA?

B: I think you should try harder in class.



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C. Now, role-play your sentences with a partner.

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D. You run an advice column called 'Dear John'. Read each e-mail below and then write a reply. Try to give the best advice you can. Make sure you begin with a phrase for giving advice.

Dear John,

I study at university. We have our final exams in two weeks. I'm very worried about my best friend. He is planning to cheat on the coming examinations. What should I do?

Dear John,

My friends keep complaining that I spend too much time with my boyfriend. They say I never hang out with them anymore. I don't want to lose my friends, but at the same time, I want to see my boyfriend as much as possible. What would you suggest I do?

Dear John,

I'm having a real problem with my roommate. I like to keep our apartment clean, but my roommate is a very messy person. She likes throwing her clothes and stuff all over the place, while I'm trying hard to keep the apartment neat and tidy. What do you think I should do?
