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## Would rather had better prefer exercises

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### Had better, Would rather, Prefer



**1. Had better + bare infinitive**

**2. Prefer + gerund/noun + to + gerund/noun**

**3. Would prefer + to + infinitive + rather than + bare infinitive**

**4. Would rather + bare infinitive + than + bare infinitive**

**5. Would rather + Subject + Simple Past (for the present)**

**6. Would rather + Subject + Past Perfect (for the past)**

**Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. I'd rather you ..... (not/clean) my room without asking me.
2. You had better ..... (follow) your mother's advice.
3. I would prefer ..... (buy) a house rather than ..... (pay) rent every month.
4. I'd rather ..... (wake) up early in the morning than ..... (stay) up late.
5. She would rather he ..... (remember) to call her to cancel their appointment.
6. I'd rather you ..... (not/visit) us this weekend. Mother doesn't feel well.
7. She had better ..... (not/tell) him about her plans. He is not a reliable person.
8. He prefers ..... (raft) to ..... (hike).
9. She'd rather ..... (not/go) to the cinema tonight.
10. They would prefer ..... (have) lunch at home.
11. I'd rather my children ..... (study) more.
12. They had better ..... (leave) half an hour earlier to avoid the heavy traffic.
13. She would rather they ..... (stay) in a hotel. She didn't like the apartment at all.
14. You had better ..... (not/believe) everything she says.
15. Jane prefers ..... (eat) out so let's reserve a table in that new Chinese restaurant.
16. I'd rather ..... (tell) you the news myself but it's too late now.
17. You had better ..... (be) more patient with her.
18. He would prefer ..... (have) more free time on weekdays.
19. Lisa would rather her mother ..... (look) after her baby.
20. You had better ..... (not/be) late tonight. Your father is very angry with you.
21. I'd rather you ..... (not/talk) to your teacher so rudely.

Now your teacher wants to see me.

22. She has been complaining about those headaches for a long time.  
She had better ..... (see) a doctor.
23. I would prefer ..... (live) in a bigger city. There is so little to do here.
24. I'd rather ..... (go) by car than plane.
25. She would rather ..... (take) Friday night off.
26. They prefer ..... (swim) to ..... (sit) in the sun all day long.
27. You'd better ..... (not/buy) such an expensive car.
28. Tom would rather his sister ..... (ask) him before using his computer.
29. I'd rather they ..... (be) more co-operative. They were really difficult kids.
30. You'd better ..... (take) your umbrella with you. It's going to rain.

He prefers that flat ..... a house with a garden. They prefer to eat salad ..... soup. I prefer this book ..... the book you are reading. He prefers to do puzzles ..... do crosswords. I prefer listening to music ..... watching films.

### HAD BETTER / WOULD RATHER

● Exercise . Fill in the gaps with 'had better' or 'would rather'.

- 1) I \_\_\_\_\_ take a bus than go walking.
- 2) He \_\_\_\_\_ save some money for its retirement.
- 3) You \_\_\_\_\_ not drink more beer tonight.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ buy a car than a house?
- 5) I'm going to England, so I \_\_\_\_\_ study English hardly.
- 6) I \_\_\_\_\_ you didn't come late today.
- 7) Tim \_\_\_\_\_ pay off all his debts soon.

She prefers working .....

**EXERCISES WITH 'Would rather, Had better, It's (high)time'** [https://www.esol.com/grammar/would\\_rather.html](https://www.esol.com/grammar/would_rather.html)

**EXERCISE 1**  
Look at the following situations and show preference by using the structure 'I would / I'd rather'.

1. Your friend wants to borrow your best sweater. You don't want her to.  
I'd rather you didn't borrow my sweater.
2. You are planning to play tennis, but it's raining.  
I'd rather not play tennis in the rain.
3. Both Jill and Tom have asked you to their parties on Saturday night. You want to go to Jill's party.  
I'd rather go to Jill's party than go to Tom's party.
4. You can have some Chinese food or go to an Italian restaurant.  
I'd rather have some Chinese food than go to an Italian restaurant.
5. You are planning a big party, but don't want to lose it if your house.  
I'd rather not have a big party at my house.
6. Your friend bought you a expensive ring. You don't like his expensive.  
I'd rather he hadn't bought such an expensive ring.

**EXERCISE 2**  
Look at the situations given and write sentences using 'had better'.

1. Mary has been out of the car. She's been waiting. You think she needs a drink of water.  
You tell her: "You had better have a drink of water."
2. You want to learn English better. It's important to do practice.  
Your teacher tells you: "You had better practice speaking English."
3. Your friend has no insurance to their car. He wants to take your car anyway.  
You tell her: "You had better make sure you have insurance."
4. John has a meeting on his hand. It looks like it's urgent.  
You tell him: "You had better see a doctor."
5. You are at a party. The host has gone at 12.30 am. It's now 12.15 am.  
You say to your friend: "We had better leave now."

**EXERCISE 3**  
Look at the situations given and write sentences using the expressions 'It's time, It's about time or It's high time'.

1. You've been watching TV since you got home from school and you still have to do your room.  
It's about time you did your room.
2. You haven't phoned Grandma for over a month.  
It's high time you phoned Grandma.
3. The girl started 15 minutes ago. The girls are still standing on the stage.  
It's about time the actors left the stage.
4. You've been watching the film since you got to the cinema. You're very bored. Your friend says,  
It's high time you had a rest.
5. Steve has had a headache for over a week. She must go to the doctor.  
It's about time Steve went to the doctor.

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*I'd rather you didn't borrow my sweater.*
2. You were planning to play tennis, but it's raining.  
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3. Both Jill and Tom have invited you to their parties on Saturday night. You want to go to Jill's party.  
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4. You can have take-away Chinese food or go to an Italian restaurant.  
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5. You are planning a big party but don't want to have it at your house.  
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6. Your fiancé bought you a diamond ring. It was far too expensive.  
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**EXERCISE 2**

Look at the situations given and write sentences using 'had better'.

1. Mary has been out in the sun. She looks terrible. You think she needs a drink of water.  
You tell her: "You had better have a drink of water."
2. You want to speak English better. It requires a lot of practice.  
Your teacher tells you: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your friend has no insurance to drive your car. He wants to take your car anyway.  
You tell him: \_\_\_\_\_
4. John has a nasty cut on his hand. It looks like it is infected.  
You advise him: \_\_\_\_\_
5. You are at a party. The last bus goes at 12.30 a.m. It's now 12.15 a.m.  
You say to your friend: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. You've been watching TV since you got home from school and you still have to tidy your room.  
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2. You haven't phoned Grandma for over a month.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The play finished 15 minutes ago. The actors are still standing on the stage.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. You've been working late for ten days. You are very tired. Your friend says.  
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5. Sheila has had a headache for over a week. She must go to the doctor.  
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They would prefer him to come in the morning. I'd rather have a part time job than no job at all. He prefers going out with a girl to dating online. I'd rather finish my homework now than leave it for tomorrow. Exercise 4. Rephrasing She'd rather they did all the cooking. I'd rather you watered the plants. I'd prefer to go to school by bus rather than walk. They'd prefer to rent a house than rent an apartment. She'd rather I cleaned the windows. He would prefer her to feed the pet. I'd rather take the motorbike than take the bicycle. We'd rather you washed the car. They'd prefer me to inform the mother. I'd rather you made your bed. I'd rather they went to school. I'd prefer them to start working. Exercise 5. Rephrasing Becky should go to the doctor pretty soon. Bill shouldn't say those things.

**EXERCISE 1**

Write a sentence using the structure 'I would rather' for each of the situations given.

1. I don't like to go to the gym. I'd rather go to the cinema.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I don't like to go to the gym. I'd rather go to the cinema.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I'd like to go to the gym but I don't have time.  
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4. I'd like to go to the gym but I don't have time.  
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11. I'd like to go to the gym but I don't have time.  
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17. I'd like to go to the gym but I don't have time.  
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18. I'd like to go to the gym but I don't have time.  
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19. I'd like to go to the gym but I don't have time.  
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20. I'd like to go to the gym but I don't have time.  
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She prefers working ..... studying at school. I prefer to send emails ..... phone. He prefers that flat ..... a house with a garden. They prefer to eat salad ..... soup. I prefer this book ..... the book you are reading. He prefers to do puzzles ..... do crosswords. I prefer listening to music ..... watching films. We prefer green olives ..... black ones. You prefer to walk ..... run in the countryside. Exercise 2 She prefers juice to/than/from fizzy drinks. Sarah rather have lunch on the deck but John prefers to eat/eating/eat in the kitchen. I prefer planes than/to/for I don't like the theatre.

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