

The following English words and expressions are all used to make suggestions and give advice to people.

should

"You should try to practise English."
"You shouldn't translate too much."

Why don't you

"Why don't you join an English club?"

ought to

"You ought to read more."

If I were you, I'd...

"If I were you, I'd watch more television."

*All these expressions are followed by a **verb**, without **to**. For example: "He **should** visit the Eiffel Tower." (Not "he **should to** visit the Eiffel Tower.")

suggest and **recommend**

Either use a **verb + ing**

"I suggest visiting the Eiffel Tower." (We should all go.)

OR use **that + a verb** without **to**

"I suggest that you visit the Eiffel Tower." (I'm not going.)

OR use a **noun**

"I recommend the lasagne." (It's a very good dish to choose in this restaurant.)

advise

"I advise you to buy a good dictionary."

advice

Advice is an uncountable noun. This means that we can't say **an advice**. Instead, we say **some advice** or **a piece of advice**.

"Let me give you some advice."

"She gave me a very useful piece of advice: to buy a good dictionary."

Speaking tip

Many people don't like getting advice if they haven't asked for it! To avoid giving the wrong impression, you can try some of these expressions:

"You could always..."

"Have you considered..."

"Perhaps we could..."

"Do you think it's a good idea to..."

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