

Exercises

35.1 Read the situations and write sentences with **had better** or **had better not**. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 You're going out for a walk with Tom. It looks as if it might rain. You say to Tom:
(an umbrella) *We'd better take an umbrella.*
- 2 Oliver has just cut himself. It's a bad cut. You say to him:
(a plaster)
- 3 You and Kate plan to go to a restaurant this evening. It's a popular restaurant. You say to Kate:
(reserve) We
- 4 Rebecca doesn't look very well this morning – not well enough to go to work. You say to her:
(work)
- 5 You received your phone bill four weeks ago, but you haven't paid it yet. If you don't pay soon, you could be in trouble. You say to yourself:
(pay)
- 6 You want to ask your boss something, but he's very busy and you know he doesn't like to be disturbed. You say to a colleague:
(disturb) I

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

- 1 I have an appointment in ten minutes. I *'d better* go now or I'll be late.
- 2 It's a great film. You *should* go and see it. You'll really like it.
- 3 You set your alarm. You'll never wake up on time if you don't.
- 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 party, so we invite her.
- 7 These biscuits are delicious. You try one.
- 8 I think everybody learn a foreign language.

35.3 Complete the sentences. Sometimes you need only one word, sometimes two.

- 1 a I have a toothache. I'd better *go* to the dentist.
b John is expecting you to phone him. You better phone him now.
c 'Shall I leave the window open?' 'No, you'd better it.'
d We'd better leave as soon as possible, we?
- 2 a It's time the government something about the problem.
b It's time something about the problem.
c I think it's about time you about other people instead of only thinking about yourself.

35.4 Read the situations and write sentences with **It's time** (somebody **did** something).

- 1 You think the oil in the car needs to be changed. It hasn't been changed for a long time.
It's time we changed the oil in the car.
- 2 You haven't had a holiday for a very long time. You need one now.
It's time I
- 3 You're sitting on a train waiting for it to leave the station. It's already five minutes late.
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- 4 You enjoy having parties. You haven't had one for a long time.
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- 5 The company you work for has been badly managed for a long time. You think some changes should be made.
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- 6 Andrew has been doing the same job for the last ten years. He should try something else.
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