

Basics. Had Better vs. Would Rather: Advanced Patterns

Medium

B1 | Intermediate

B2 | Upper Intermediate

Comparative and superlative

Infinitive

Modal verb

Negation

Past tense

Subjunctive mood

Verb

Perfect tense

Simple tense

Word order

1. Complete the introvert's honest reply to a Friday night party invitation.

To be completely honest, I ___ stay home and watch documentaries about cheese than go to a crowded nightclub.

Select one.

- A) had better
- B) would rather
- C) would better
- D) had rather

2. Complete the regretful time traveler's diary entry.

Looking back at my terrifying trip, I would rather _____ ancient Rome than the Jurassic period; running from a T-Rex is exhausting! Next time, I had better _____ some comfortable running shoes just in case.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) have visited
- B) visit
- C) visited

Blank 2

- A) pack
- B) to pack
- C) packing

3. Complete the dramatic student's declaration about exam week.

I would rather clean the entire cafeteria with a toothbrush than ___ another calculus problem!

Select one.

- A) to solve
- B) solving
- C) solve
- D) solved

4. Help the frustrated roommate express their feelings by selecting the correct options.

"I'd rather you _____ your dirty socks on the kitchen counter," sighed Liam. "And you _____ clean them up before our guests arrive, or I'm throwing them out the window!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) don't leave
- B) didn't leave
- C) not leave

Blank 2

- A) had better
- B) would better
- C) had rather

5. Help the neat roommate express their preferences to their messy friend. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that apply.

Select all that apply.

- A) I'd rather you washed the dishes tonight.
- B) I would rather you didn't leave your socks everywhere.
- C) I'd rather you to wash the dishes tonight.
- D) I would rather you don't leave your socks everywhere.

6. Complete the secret agent's mission briefing by choosing the best phrases.

"You _____ touch that red button, Agent 007, unless you want the entire building to explode. I know you love fireworks, but I _____ we kept this headquarters intact for tomorrow's meeting."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) had better not
- B) would rather not
- C) had not better

Blank 2

- A) would rather
- B) had better
- C) would better

7. Complete the friend's polite but firm boundary about their new vehicle.

I know you're a great driver, but I'd rather you ___ my new car to the monster truck rally.

Select one.

- A) don't take
- B) not take
- C) didn't take
- D) hadn't taken

8. Read the introvert's thoughts about an upcoming office party. Select ALL the grammatically correct statements.

Select all that apply.

- A) I'd rather stay home and read a book than go to that loud party.
- B) I had better make an appearance, or my boss will be furious.
- C) I'd rather to stay home and read a book than going to that loud party.
- D) I would better make an appearance, or my boss will be furious.

9. Complete the theater director's feedback to the lead actor by choosing the correct verb for each gap.

I am exhausted, so I would rather _____ a short break right now. However, when we resume the scene, I would rather you _____ your lines with a bit more emotion.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) take
- B) took
- C) to take

Blank 2

- A) spoke
- B) speak
- C) to speak

10. Choose the right phrases to complete the vampire's dinner party invitation.

"I would rather _____ tomato juice tonight, as my stomach is a bit upset," Count Vlad explained politely. "However, I'd rather you _____ any garlic bread to the potluck. I'm highly allergic!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) drink
- B) drank
- C) to drink

Blank 2

- A) didn't bring
- B) don't bring
- C) not bring

11. Complete the frantic time traveler's warning to his past self. Choose ALL the options that apply.

Select all that apply.

- A) You'd better not touch that glowing red button!
- B) You had better not speak to anyone from 1985.
- C) You'd better don't touch that glowing red button!
- D) You had better not to speak to anyone from 1985.
- E) You hadn't better touch that glowing red button!

12. Choose the correct verb forms to complete the Time Traveler's Safety Guide.

As a time traveler, you had better _____ in with the locals, or you will permanently alter history! Furthermore, the Agency would rather you _____ talk to your past self under any circumstances.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) blend
- B) to blend
- C) blended

Blank 2

- A) didn't
- B) don't
- C) haven't

13. Help the roommate give a crucial warning about the apartment's true ruler.

You ___ touch Mr. Fluffles while he's eating, unless you want to lose a finger.

Select one.

- A) had better not
- B) hadn't better
- C) better don't
- D) would rather not

14. Help the angry roommate leave a clear warning on the fridge by choosing the correct phrase for each blank.

You _____ touch my leftover pizza, or you will be buying me dinner for a week! To be honest, I _____ share my food at all, because I am much too lazy to cook tonight.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) had better not
- B) would rather not
- C) had not better

Blank 2

- A) would rather not
- B) had better not
- C) would not rather

15. Help the disappointed customer express their regrets about a disastrous haircut. Select ALL the sentences that apply.

Select all that apply.

- A) I'd rather you hadn't chopped off all my bangs yesterday.
- B) I would rather you had listened when I said "just a trim."
- C) I'd rather you didn't chop off all my bangs yesterday.
- D) I would rather you have listened when I said "just a trim."