

Advanced Modals

would rather, it's time, had better, be supposed to

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

These expressions use past tense forms for present/future meaning.

1 would rather / it's time / had better

EASY

Choose the correct modal form.

Word bank: told / made / send / didn't / rethought

1. I'd rather you ____ me earlier.

3. You'd better ____ that email.

5. It's high time they ____ approach.

7. I'd rather ____ home tonight.

9. You'd better ____ terms carefully.

2. It's time we ____ a decision.

4. I'd rather she ____ come.

6. You'd better ____ be late again.

8. It's about time they ____ the road.

10. I'd sooner ____ than lie to her.

2 be supposed to / may well

MEDIUM

Choose the correct expression.

Word bank: is supposed to / may well / had better

1. Train ____ arrive at 10:15. Late.

3. She ____ left by now.

5. Plan ____ work: logic is sound.

7. This ____ be the final answer.

9. He ____ be at the office now.

2. Button ____ open the menu.

4. He ____ submit report by Friday.

6. You ____ not leave early.

8. They ____ already know results.

10. It ____ rain later today.

3 Mixed Advanced Modals

HARD

Complete with the correct modal expression.

Word bank: could / were / didn't say / leave

1. I wish I ____ tell you the truth.

3. I'd rather you ____ anything.

5. She ____ quit if not promoted.

7. He ____ be more careful next time.

9. It's high time this ____ resolved.

2. It's time the law ____ changed.

4. We'd better ____ or be late.

6. They ____ have sent the report.

8. I'd sooner ____ than compromise.

10. We ____ reconsider our strategy.

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Rewrite Using Modal Expression**VERY HARD**

Rewrite using the word(s) given.

1. Prefer you don't come. (rather)

3. Strong advice: send email. (better)

5. Likely she already left. (may well)

7. Overdue: fix the road. (about time)

9. Intended: open settings. (meant to)

2. Overdue: make a decision. (time)

4. Scheduled: arrive at 9. (supposed)

6. Prefer to stay home. (sooner)

8. Warning: don't be late. (better not)

10. Prefer say nothing. (sooner)

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 would rather / it's time / had better

1 told

2 made

3 send

4 didn't

5 rethought

6 not

7 stay

8 fixed

9 read

10 say nothing

2 Exercise 2 be supposed to / may well

1 is supposed to

2 is supposed to

3 may well

4 is supposed to submit

5 might well

6 had better

7 may well

8 may well

9 is supposed to

10 may well

3 Exercise 3 Mixed Advanced Modals

1 could

2 were

3 didn't say

4 leave

5 may well

6 should have

7 had better

8 resign

9 was

10 had better

4 Exercise 4 Rewrite Using Modal Expression

1 I'd rather you didn't come

2 It's time we made a decision

3 You'd better send the email

4 The train is supposed to arrive at 9

5 She may well have already left

6 I'd sooner stay home

7 It's about time they fixed the road

8 You'd better not be late

9 This button is meant to open settings

10 I'd sooner say nothing