

12B Advice.com

Activity type: Reading, writing and grammar – Collaborative writing – Pairs / Groups

Aim: To practise using language for giving advice

Language: Giving advice; Giving advice with *if* – Use at any point from 12.2.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for every six learners and cut each worksheet along the dotted lines to form sets of cards.

Time: 25–40 minutes

- 1 Pre-teach any necessary expressions from the cards (e.g. *to give a speech, to bark, to scratch*). Explain that you are going to read out some situations. Learners listen, decide what advice they might give in each case, and write their advice down using either imperative forms or *should/shouldn't* + infinitive.
- 2 Learners work in pairs and take it in turn to read out their advice in random order. Their partner should decide which of the situations each piece of advice corresponds with.
- 3 Ask each pair to work with one other pair. Give each group a set of cards. Ask each learner to take a blank card and think of one more 'social dilemma' similar to those they have already looked at. They should write this on their card.
- 4 Ask one learner in each group to collect the cards and add them to the other ones. These cards are then shuffled and each pair takes one card at random.
- 5 Tell pairs to imagine a new website, Advice.com, which people can write to with their social dilemmas. Learners work in their pairs to compose an email describing the dilemma on their card. Explain that they should try to use their imagination to explain the situation and add extra details where possible. Monitor this stage and give help where necessary.
- 6 Each pair 'sends' their email to the pair on their left. Each pair should read the dilemma and compose a reply in which they offer advice and support.
- 7 When they have finished, they 'send' their replies back to the pair on their right. Learners should then read the advice they have been given and decide how useful they think it is.

Extension

Post all the dilemma and advice emails around the class for all the learners to read, and take a vote to decide which is the best piece of advice.

<p>You go to get money from a cash machine and you find €200 on the floor next to the machine ...</p>	<p>Your friend asks you to give a speech at their wedding but you hate speaking in public ...</p>
<p>Your best friend decides to get married but you know the fiancé(e) only wants his/her money ...</p>	<p>You are a vegetarian and an important client invites you for dinner at a steakhouse restaurant ...</p>
<p>You find out that your best friend cheated in an important exam ...</p>	<p>You can't sleep because your neighbour's dog barks all night ...</p>
<p>You think a colleague at work is stealing things from you and other colleagues ...</p>	<p>You are offered a boring but very well-paid new job ...</p>
<p>Your new boss tells you to stay at work one hour later every day ...</p>	<p>You borrow your friend's new car and scratch the door ...</p>
<p>Your food keeps disappearing from the fridge in the flat you share with two people ...</p>	<p>One of your friends never pays for their food or drinks when you go out together ...</p>