**Asking for and Giving advice**

**Expressions**

**Asking for advice:**

* I've got a bad toothache. What do you suggest?
* What do you advise me to do?
* What should I do?
* What ought I to do?
* What's your advice?
* If you were me what would you do?

**Giving advice**

* If I were you, I would go to the dentist.
* Why don't you go to the dentist?
* You'd better brush your teeth regularly.
* You ought to/should avoid eating sweets.
* If you take my advice, you'll go to the dentist.
* It might be a good idea to brush your teeth on a regular basis.
* I advise you to brush your teeth on a regular basis.
* Have you thought about seeing a dentist.

**Declining to give advice**

* I don't know what to advise, I'm afraid.
* I wish I could suggest something, but I can't.
* I wish I could help.
* I'm afraid I can't really help you.

**Things to remember about asking for and giving advice:**

1. "**Advise**" is a verb.  
Example:  
"I **advise** you to learn English. You will undoubtedly need it in your higher studies"

2. "**Advice**" is a noun.  
Example:  
"My father gave me this piece of **advice** when I was young: never give up"

3. "**Ought to**" has nearly the same meaning as "**should**". The only difference is that "ought to " refers to a moral or external obligation but should is more of an advice. 

**Practice:**

**A** Write two to four questions asking for advice about jobs / work or school.

**B Pair Work** Exchange your questions from A with a partner. Write responses to your partner’s requests for advice. Then read and compare the advice. Do you agree with the advice? Why or why not?

Example **A** I need to find a part-time job. Where should I look?

**B** I think you should ask at the school cafeteria. They often need help there.