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HAD BETTER

The phrasal modal HAD BETTER has a similar meaning to SHOULD (= it is advisable that ...). The contracted form ('d better) is most commonly used.

- ☐ We'd better get going. = We should get going. = It is advisable for us to get going.
- ☐ I want to be home by midnight. I 'd better go now or I'll be late.
- ☐ You'd better take an umbrella. They said it might rain.

Has better is often stronger than should, it can sound like a threat.

- ☐ You'd better study a bit harder or you won't pass the exams.
- ☐ Tell Yoni he'd better stay away from my car.

The negative of had better is had better not.

- ☐ You'd better not talk to Jack today. He's very angry with you.
- ☐ You'd better not touch my new computer again.
- ☐ This is my first day at work. I'd better not be late.

Remember: The form is always HAD BETTER but it does not refer to the past. It refers only to the present or future.

- ☐ You'd better go. = You should go.

Form: Subject + had better + V1

Example: I had better stay home today. (I feel tired.)

Note: had better = should

WOULD RATHER

The phrasal modal WOULD RATHER expresses preference.

WOULD RATHER is similar to would prefer to.

- It's getting too noisy here. I'd rather leave now.
- I'd rather watch TV this evening than go to the movies.

The negative of WOULD RATHER is WOULD RATHER NOT.

- I'd rather not go out this evening.
- I'd rather not eat any more, if you don't mind.
- Would you like to go out this evening? I'd rather not.

Remember: WOULD RATHER is a phrasal modal and is always followed by the base form of the verb.

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| Form: Subject + would rather + V1 |
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Example: She would rather play tennis than stay home.

Note: would rather = prefer