

## ***Live Lesson Notes***

# **Advice**

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### **What you will learn**

Essential Vocabulary

How to give advice

GUEST: Martin from Rock 'n' Roll English

Video and Listening Practice

Idioms

Sample Answers

## Some useful Links

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# Essential Vocabulary

To **advise** (v.)

**Advice** (n.) *Uncountable noun*

He gave me **some advice**

She gave me **a good piece of** advice

He gave me **a bit of** advice

*Other commonly mistaken words that are uncountable but can take 'a piece of' to make them countable are...*

**News / information / advice**

**Advisable** (adj.)

It's not very advisable to watch too much TV

## Giving advice

*We can say:*

- He advised **me** to go
- He recommended **me** to go
  
- He recommended/suggested **that** I go
- I recommended/suggested **that** she go

*Subject + subjunctive*

He recommended/suggested **going**

## Collocations

A bit of advice

A **friendly piece** of advice

Constructive advice = *positive / helpful*

Unsolicited advice = *don't ask for*

Sensible advice = *logical / useful*

To **heed** advice = to follow advice or take advice

To ignore advice

## Guest Time

Conversation with Martin Johnston from Rock 'n' Roll English

<https://rocknrollenglish.com/>

**Here is some useful language from our conversation about ADVICE**

I try to **pass on** (= *share / give*) useful advice to students

Advice I **pass on** for the exam is to not speak too quickly

I've been **getting advice** about parenting

I have got some very **welcome advice** from other parents

My plan **went out of the window** = *it was no longer useful, I had to forget it.*

You get **completely different** advice

**Follow your instinct** = *follow your feelings*

I am a bit **queasy** = *get dizzy easily*

To **have a meltdown** = *go crazy*

If your baby has a meltdown, don't have a meltdown too, stay calm.

**The following 4 phrases mean to improvise, or do without planning,**

**To play it by ear**

**To go with the flow**

**To wing it**

**To do it off the cuff**

I didn't plan my presentation for yesterday's meeting, **I just winged it.** I like **to play it by ear!**

**In hindsight** = *looking back and seeing the danger or opportunity of an event in the past.*

**In hindsight,** it was a mistake to give up my job, because now I have no salary.

**To burn your bridges** = *To action so there is no way back*

When you leave a company, you should stay in touch with your bosses. **Don't burn your bridges** because you never know when you may need them.

## Listening Practice

Watch the video of Stan where he is giving his girlfriend **6 pieces of advice**.

### 1. What is the advice about?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

***Answers at bottom of the sheet***

Also try to fill in the gaps below with the correct word.

1. **I \_\_\_\_ you add** a bit more salt, it's a bit **bland** (*not salty*) for my liking.
2. \_\_\_\_ **don't you watch** The Crown? I've heard it's really good.
3. **If I were you, I \_\_\_\_ buy** him a nice T-shirt or something like that, your Dad's into fashionable clothes.
4. **I reckon you \_\_\_\_ ask** for a raise, it's about time you had one.
5. **I think it'd be \_\_\_\_ if you** let me do it, you look really tired.
6. **I wouldn't do that if I were in your \_\_\_\_\_, that's asking for trouble, my \_\_\_\_\_ would be to** ignore it all together, or just delete it.

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## Idioms about Advice

*Here are a number of idioms that can be used when talking about advice.*

**I am at a loss**, can you give me some advice?  
*= I don't know what to do!*

**A word in your ear**, don't that!  
*= A friendly piece of advice*

Don't **bite off more than you can chew**  
*= don't do too much!*

**Give it your best shot** = *Do your best!*

**Learn to walk before you run!** = *don't do too much!*

**Think before you jump/leap** = *think before acting*

**Don't count your chickens before they hatch**  
*= Don't assume something you want will happen, until you know for sure it will happen.*

**Don't bite the hand that feeds you**  
*= don't shoot yourself in the foot, don't attack the things /people you really need*

**To give you two cents** = *to give your opinion / advice*

**Make hay while the sun shines** = *make the most of the good times you have now (before they finish)*

## Student's Questions

**Keith, do you often follow other people's advice?**

Well, it's an interesting question. I would say it depends on who is giving me advice. If it's a person I **trust strongly** and somebody who, maybe, has **been through a similar experience**, then I would probably **heed** what they have got to say. However, you know if it's **unsolicited advice** from somebody maybe I don't know or don't respect or don't trust then it's unlikely, I am gonna follow what they say. So, **I can be a little bit picky** (=fussy) about whose people I..... , whose advice I follow.



## Listening Practice - Answers:

1. Cooking
2. Which TV series to watch
3. Buying a present for her Dad.
4. Asking her boss for a raise
5. Doing the housekeeping / cleaning the house
6. A scam email

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