B1-B2 Giving advice phrases

Modals and related forms

You should / shouldn't...
You should talk to her, but you shouldn't send an angry message.

Maybe you should / shouldn't...
Maybe you should take a break before you try again.

You could...
You could ask a friend to help.

You might want to...
You might want to save a copy before you close the file.

You ought to...
You ought to tell him how you feel.

You'd better...
You'd better check the last train before you leave.

You'd better not...
You'd better not leave your passport at home.

You really need to...
You really need to get some sleep before your exam.

Questions

Why don't you...?
Why don't you ask your teacher for another example?

Why not...?
Why not invite them round for dinner?

Have you tried...?
Have you tried turning off your notifications?

Have you thought about...?
Have you thought about taking the bus instead?

Have you considered...?
Have you considered looking for a job closer to home?

How about...?
How about leaving your phone in another room?

What about...?
What about joining a local sports club?

Personal advice

If I were you, I'd...
If I were you, I'd keep the receipt.

If I were in your shoes, I would / wouldn't...
If I were in your shoes, I'd speak to your flatmate first.

If it were up to me, I'd...
If it were up to me, I'd choose the cheaper course.

If I were in that position, I'd...
If I were in that position, I'd ask for more time.

Personally, I'd...
Personally, I'd turn down the music before the neighbours complain.

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Recommendations

I'd suggest...
I'd suggest making a list of your tasks.

I'd recommend...
I'd recommend booking your tickets in advance.

I'd advise you to...
I'd advise you to read the contract carefully.

I'd encourage you to...
I'd encourage you to apply, even if you're not sure.

In this kind of situation, I always recommend...
In this kind of situation, I always recommend talking face to face.

My advice would be to...
My advice would be to start with the most urgent task.

I think it would be best to...
I think it would be best to wait until you've calmed down.

Options and possibilities

One thing you could try is...
One thing you could try is practising in front of a mirror.

Another option would be to...
Another option would be to invite a colleague for coffee.

One possibility would be to...
One possibility would be to share the cost with a friend.

It might help to...
It might help to write down what's worrying you.

It's generally a good idea to...
It's generally a good idea to check the reviews first.

It could be worth...
It could be worth joining a club.

You could always try...
You could always try asking your neighbours to feed the cat.

A useful first step would be to...
A useful first step would be to work out how much you can spend.

You may find it helpful to...
You may find it helpful to set a reminder on your phone.

Experience and emphasis

In my experience, ... works really well.
In my experience, setting a reminder works really well.

I've found that...
I've found that a short walk helps me think clearly.

What usually works for me is...
What usually works for me is putting my phone on silent.

The sooner you..., the better.
The sooner you explain the problem, the better.

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