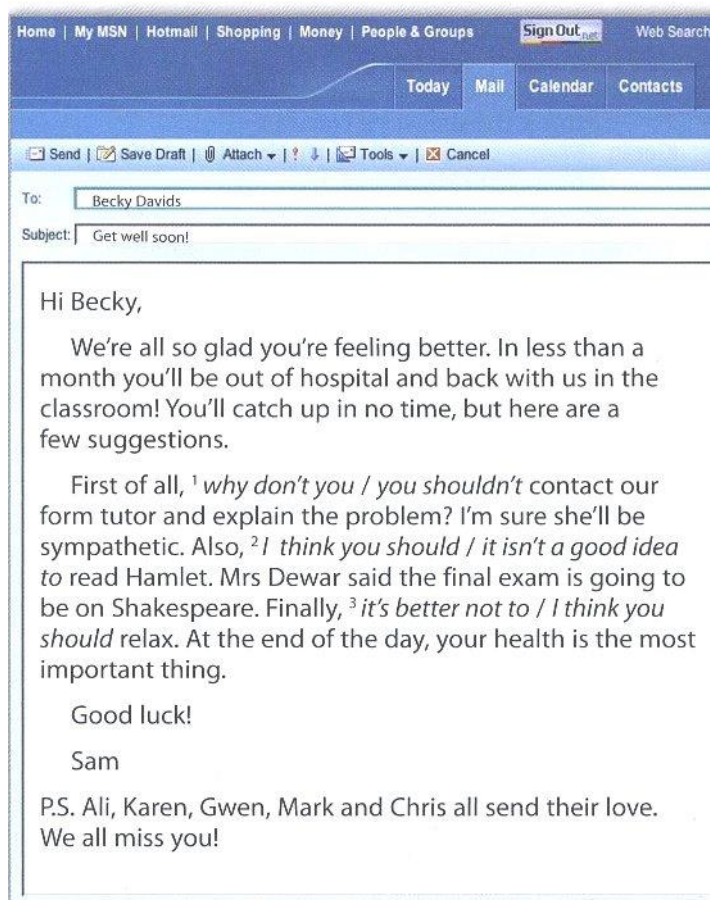


Success Pre-Intermediate

Writing: A 'get well soon' e-mail. Asking for and giving advice.

Exercise 1. Read the email to Becky from her classmates. What's the situation and what advice do you think she asked for? Circle the correct phrases.



SPEAK OUT | Asking for and giving advice

Asking for advice

What should I do?
Could you give me some advice?
Have you any ideas about how to [+ infinitive]?
Have you any tips on how to ...?

Giving advice

If I were you, I'd ...
I (don't) think you should ...
You should/shouldn't ...
(I think) it's a good idea to ...
It's better (not) to ...
Why don't you [+ infinitive]?

Mind the trap!

Advice is uncountable, so it is always singular.

Can you give me some advice? NOT
Can you give me some advices?
Can you give me an advice?

Exercise 2. In pairs, give advice to your partner on one of the problems below.

- What to do on the evening before a big exam.
- Advice to help someone who has problems sleeping.
- How to keep fit if you don't have much time or money.

Exercise 3. In pairs, roleplay the situation. Use the phrases from **Speak Out** to help you.

Student A

It's your boyfriend/girlfriend birthday soon and you don't have any ideas for a present. He/She hates clothes and jewellery but he/she is interested in art and music. Explain your problem to your friend and:

- ask him/her for some advice;
- thank your friend for his/her advice and tell him/her - what you have decided to do;
- make some suggestions for your friend's problem.

Student B

Read the information and start the conversation.

Your friend asks for some advice. Listen and make some suggestions.

You also have a problem – you're very stressed because you are studying for exams and you find it difficult to relax. Explain your problem to your friend and:

- ask him/her for some advice;
- thank your friend for his/her advice and tell him/her what you have decided to do.

Exercise 4. Write a short letter to a friend giving advice on one of the problems in exercise 2. Use the ideas below to help you.

