

Intermediate 1
Unit 1 Dialog
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Stand on Your Own Feet!

stand on one's own feet = be independent

be independent of sb/sth ≠ be dependent on sb/sth

➤ *Robert is 19 years old now. He doesn't want to be dependent on his parents any longer. He wants to stand on his own feet and be independent of his family.*

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are talking about their son, Jimmy.

Mrs. Jones: Guess what! Jimmy has decided to find himself a summer job.

Mr. Jones: Oh, really? Tell me about it.

Guess what! = Try to guess what has happened!

decide (verb) = make a decision

decision (noun) = what you want to do

Mrs. Jones: He thinks he could work as a delivery boy or a busboy.

Mr. Jones: Personally, I believe he'd better work in a restaurant.

deliver (verb) = give things to people

delivery (noun) = delivering things

delivery person (noun) = a person who delivers things to people by motorcycle or car

delivery boy = a boy who works as a delivery person

busboy = a person who cleans a restaurant and does the dishes there

personally = in my opinion; as far as it regards me

had better = should

he'd better = he had better = he should

Mrs. Jones: How come? What makes you say that?

Mr. Jones: Well, that way he'll get a chance to socialize more.

How come? = Why?

that way = if that happens; if so

society (noun) = a large group of people living in one area

social (adjective) = related to the society

socialize (verb) = spend your time with other people

sociable (adjective) = outgoing ≠ shy

Mrs. Jones: But I'd rather let him decide for himself.

Mr. Jones: Guess you're right. He's old enough for that now.

I'd rather = I would rather = I prefer

would rather = prefer

Guess you're right. = I guess you are right.

You're right. ≠ You're wrong.

Point:

After "had better", "would rather", and "let", we use the simple form of the verb.

Examples:

had better + Simple Form of the Verb

➤ *Mr. Jones thinks Jimmy had better work in a restaurant.*

would rather + Simple Form of the Verb

➤ *Jimmy would rather have a summer job.*

let + Simple Form of the Verb

➤ *Mrs. Jones is going to let Jimmy decide for himself.*

Full Text:

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Sample Summary:

In the dialog, Mr. and Mrs. Jones discuss their son Jimmy's decision to find a summer job. Mrs. Jones shares that Jimmy is considering positions like a delivery boy or busboy. Mr. Jones suggests that working in a restaurant would be better for socializing. However, Mrs. Jones prefers to let Jimmy make his own decision, and Mr. Jones agrees, acknowledging that Jimmy is old enough to decide for himself.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jones are talking about their son, Jimmy, who wants to work in the summer. Jimmy is thinking about being a delivery boy or working in a restaurant. Mr. Jones likes the restaurant idea because Jimmy can meet more people. Mrs. Jones wants Jimmy to choose for himself. In the end, they agree that Jimmy can make his own choice because he is grown up enough.

Source:

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