

## Module 12 - Giving advice

Look at the letter below. It is a reply to one of the letters on p.126-127. First, quickly skim the letter to find out which letter it is a reply to. Then fill each gap with one word. The first letter of the word has been provided and you cannot change this letter.

Dear Juan,

Thank you for your letter which I got yesterday. I'm sorry to hear about the problems you're h\_\_\_\_\_. I know it must be a very difficult p\_\_\_\_\_ you're in. Strangely enough I know a friend who was in a similar s\_\_\_\_\_ once and after t\_\_\_\_\_ things over with the woman they managed to s\_\_\_\_\_ things out. They're now happily married with two young girls.

Everyone e\_\_\_\_\_ problems in relationships and how you deal with them is really d\_\_\_\_\_ to you. With any problem you should not i\_\_\_\_\_ it. Trying to avoid her might end up in you missing on the o\_\_\_\_\_ of a great relationship. If you think there's a chance of you two getting back t\_\_\_\_\_, then d\_\_\_\_\_ something about. P\_\_\_\_\_, I'd call her. She's already taken the first s\_\_\_\_\_ and contacted you about how she feels. I suggest you i\_\_\_\_\_ to your house for dinner. I'm sure she won't r\_\_\_\_\_.

A\_\_\_\_\_, you could write if you're a bit worried about speaking to her on the p\_\_\_\_\_ or in p\_\_\_\_\_. It will also give you a bit of time to t\_\_\_\_\_ things over. I know my friend c\_\_\_\_\_ his mind at least five times before m\_\_\_\_\_ a decision. I think what helped make up his m\_\_\_\_\_ was when they met for a meal. She a\_\_\_\_\_ she had made a m\_\_\_\_\_ and she s\_\_\_\_\_ have never left him.

If you s\_\_\_\_\_ there was someone else involved you should i\_\_\_\_\_ she p\_\_\_\_\_ she will not go back to him. It's probably better to discuss any relationships that either of you have had openly. It's not fair on the other if one of you is p\_\_\_\_\_ to go back to a former partner. J\_\_\_\_\_ think how hurt you'd feel if that happened! Being open and honest is the only way things can w\_\_\_\_\_.

I hope my advice has been of some help. Please feel free to call or write if there's anything else you need.

Best wishes,  
Carlos

Now write letter in reply to one of the other situations.



## Module 12 Teacher's notes To be used with p.126-127

### Giving advice

The task can be used to practise and consolidate the earlier vocabulary and also as a lead in to the following task on p.128-129

Dear Juan,

Thank you for your letter which I got yesterday. I'm sorry to hear about the problems you're **having**. I know it must be a very difficult **position** you're in. Strangely enough I know a friend who was in a similar **situation** once and after **talking** things over with the woman they managed to **sort** things out. They're now happily married with two young girls.

Everyone **encounters** problems in relationships and how you deal with them is really down to you. With any problem you should not **ignore** it. Trying to avoid her might end up in you missing on the **opportunity** of a great relationship. If you think there's a chance of you two getting back **together**, then **do** something about. **Personally**, I'd call her. She's already taken the first **step** and contacted you about how she feels. I suggest you **invite** her to your house for dinner. I'm sure she won't **refuse**.

**Alternatively**, you could write if you're a bit worried about speaking to her on the **phone** or in **person**. It will also give you a bit of time to **think** things over. I know my friend **changed** his mind at least five times before **making** a decision. I think what helped make up his **mind** was when they met for a meal. She **admitted** she had made a **mistake** and she **should** have never left him.

If you **suspect** there was someone else involved you should **insist** she **promises** she will not go back to him. It's probably better to discuss any relationships that either of you have had openly. It's not fair on the other if one of you is **persuaded** to go back to a former partner. **Just** think how hurt you'd feel if that happened! Being open and honest is the only way things can **work**.

I hope my advice has been of some help. Please feel free to call or write if there's anything else you need.

Best wishes,

Carlos

**After your students complete the task above you could ask them to find as many synonyms as they can in the model answer. A few are given below.**

to have a problem - to encounter a problem

a chance - an opportunity

position - situation

make up your mind - make a decision

**Try to encourage your students to use some of the vocabulary from the letter above in their own replies. This will confirm if they have not only a receptive knowledge of the vocabulary but also a productive ability to use it.**

