#### Rewrite using would rather

We often use would rather to say that we would prefer another person to do something. Past tenses are used.

Study the example given below.

I would like you to help him.

We can express the same idea using would rather.

I would rather you helped him.

### 1. I would rather you ..... home now.

go

went

had gone

## 2. I would prefer to go in December .....in May.

rather

rather than

than

## 3. I prefer starting early rather than ..... everything to the last minute.

leave

to leave

leaving

### 4. I prefer to walk ..... drive.

rather

rather than

than

# 5. I would rather you ..... in a hostel than in a hotel.

#### Rewrite using would rather

stay

stayed

staying

### 6. I would rather you ..... a job.

find

found

have found

## 7. He ..... face the enemy than surrender.

rather

would rather

prefer

### 8. They would rather build a new house ..... repair the old one.

than
then
than to

9. We would rather you ..... to bed now.

go

went

have gone

10. We would rather you ..... the work yourself.

do

did

#### had gone

#### Answers

- 1. I would rather you went home now.
- 2. I would prefer to go in December rather than in May.
- 3. I prefer starting early rather than leaving everything to the last minute.
- 4. I prefer to walk rather than drive.
- 5. I would rather you stayed in a hostel than in a hotel.
- 6. I would rather you found a job.
- 7. He would rather face the enemy than surrender.
- 8. They would rather build a new house than repair the old one.
- 9. We would rather you went to bed now.
- 10. We would rather you did the work yourself.