

# GRAMMAR YOU CAN'T DO WITHOUT



THE EXERCISE IS TO BE DONE AND CORRECTED IN CLASS.

## USING **HAD BETTER NOT**

Take a look at this sentence with **had better not** from the situation *Driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway*:

Woman: Dan, you'd **better not** *stand* too near the edge. It doesn't look safe.

Keep these hints in mind:

- We use **had better not** when we want to advise someone that something should *not* be done, or there will be negative consequences.
- We do not contract the word *not* in the expression **had better not**.
- The verb that follows **had better not** is always expressed in the infinitive without *to*.



Use **had better not** and the verb in parentheses to complete the statements giving advice about something that shouldn't be done.

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ that car. It'll give you a lot of trouble. (to buy)
2. Jim has an important job interview tomorrow morning. He \_\_\_\_\_ too late tonight or he won't get up on time. (to stay out)
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the answering machine by yourself. You'll just make it worse. (to try)
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ this fish. It's been in the refrigerator since last week. (to eat)

1. 'd / had better not buy

2. 'd / had better not stay out

3. 'd / had better not try

4. 'd / had better not eat