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
Rewrite using would rather

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

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

6. I would rather you .................... a job.
Rewrite using would rather

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 go to bed now.

10. We would rather you do the work yourself.
Rewrite using would rather

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.