The word **advice** is an uncountable noun. Uncountable nouns do not have plural forms. They cannot be used with the articles *a/an*.

He gave me **some advice**. (NOT He gave me an advice.) (NOT He gave me advices.)
Incorrect: Let me give you **an advice**.
Correct: Let me give you **some advice**.
Incorrect: She was always there to give great advices.
Correct: She was always there to give **great advice**.

To refer to a single item of advice, you can use the expression ‘a piece of advice’, ‘a word of advice’ or ‘a bit of advice’. However, these expressions are not very common. **Advice** is mainly used on its own.

If you are worried about your symptoms, contact your doctor for **advice**.

The expression **some advice** is very common.

I really need **some advice**.

Don’t confuse **advice** and **advise**. Advice is a noun whereas advise is a verb.

Incorrect: I would advice you to quit smoking.
Correct: I **would advise** you to quit smoking.

**Ways of giving advice**

In English, we use several different expressions to give advice.

Examples are:

**You should** act more responsibly.

**You ought** to consult a doctor.

**If I were you**, I wouldn’t let this happen.

**Why don’t you** consult a doctor?

**It is a good idea** to invest in real estate.
All of these expressions are used when giving friendly advice.

The expression **you’d (= you had) better** is used to give strong advice.

**You’d better** consult a doctor.

**Take it from me**

This expression is used when you are giving advice based on your own experience.

**Take it from me**, it isn’t worth buying a cheap laptop.