

## 10. Difference between Advice and Suggestion

Several English words seem to confuse people, especially on their applications. Second English language speakers and young native English speakers find themselves using words in the wrong context, which might make them be misinterpreted or misunderstood by the audience. Examples of such words include suggestion and advice, which people use so often in the wrong context. It is essential to note that the variance between the two terms so that one can use them effectively, especially to a formal audience.

What is Advice?

The word advice is mainly in the sense of counseling what a person should do concerning a specific phenomenon that he or she does not have a clear understanding. Advice can be the solution to the current problem. It is worth noting that advice is formal and involves both control and command because the person offering it has experience.

Sentence example: I received advice from my brother concerning grade improvements.

What is a Suggestion?

A suggestion is a plan or opinion given to an individual for consideration. One can get a suggestion from any person because the experience is not needed when one is offering it. Moreover, the person receiving the suggestion has the option of implementing it or discarding.

Sentence example: She suggested the easy functioning of the car battery.

## 11. A Friendly Clown

On one corner of my dresser sits a smiling toy clown on a tiny unicycle—a gift I received last Christmas from a close friend. The clown’s short yellow hair, made of yarn, covers its ears but is parted above the eyes. The blue eyes are outlined in black with thin, dark lashes flowing from the brows. It has cherry-red cheeks, nose, and lips, and its broad grin disappears into the wide, white ruffle around its neck. The clown wears a fluffy, two-tone nylon costume. The left side of the outfit is light blue, and the right side is red. The two colors merge in a dark line that runs down the center of the small outfit. Surrounding its ankles and disguising its long black shoes are big pink bows. The white spokes on the wheels of the unicycle gather in the center and expand to the black tire so that the wheel somewhat resembles the inner half of a grapefruit.

The clown and unicycle together stand about a foot high. As a cherished gift from my good friend Tran, this colorful figure greets me with a smile every time I enter my room.