

Have to/have got to/must/mustn't (obligation)

$1 \over 4$. You use *must* to say that it is necessary for someone to do something; the negative is *mustn't*:

a in the present:

I must go now, I don't want to be late.

b in the future:

I must talk to him tomorrow afternoon.

You mustn't forget to phone me.

2 You use *must* when you are giving your opinion about something that is very important, when you want to make a strong suggestion, or when you are giving someone an invitation:

You must go and see the new Spielberg film. It's great.

This is a book that you really must read.

You must visit us.

3 You use must not or mustn't to say that it is important NOT to do something:

You mustn't take photos in the gallery, it's bad for the paintings. I mustn't forget to write a cheque for the rent today.

4 You use has to/have to when you talk about external obligation, such as when a law or someone else says that something is necessary or important:

Because Sandra is an au-pair, she has to get up early and help with the children's breakfast. Val won't be in work today. She has to see the doctor.

5 You use don't have to to say that something is not necessary:

You don't have to do the whole exercise.

Tomorrow is Sunday, so I don't have to get up early.

6 You use had to or didn't have to for the past of both must and have to:

I had to go to London yesterday for a meeting. The doctor told me I had to stop smoking. 'Did you have to wait long for the bus?'

You use do, does and did to make questions with have to and not have to:

'When does Dave have to go back to work?'
'Do you have to book a table in that restaurant?'
'Did everyone have to wear a uniform before?'

8 In informal English, you can use have got to instead of have to:

It's late. We've got to go. Where have you got to send that letter?

Practice

$\mathbb A$ You are the manager of a company talking to a new employee. Put a tick (\checkmark) next to the things you think are very important for people who work for you:

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have long hair	be polite	arrive early	know how to type be punctual	be organize	
Now tell the new emp	loyee about the job, using n	nust:	Ta .		
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Complete the sente	gns. They all give informences using 'must' or 'mu rou mustn't drive over 30 m	ustn't':	nat you must or mustn'	t do.	
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C What was life at didn't have to:	school like when you w	ere young? Con	nplete the sentences (ising had to or	
		stand up	stand up when the teacher came into the room.		
2			wear a uniform.		
3		do a lot o	do a lot of homework.		
		have sho	have short hair.		
i		study lar	study languages.		
3		eat at so	eat at school.		
7			take a lot of exams.		
D Complete the se	entences using has to or	have to:			
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2 Frank's a sportsma	n. He keep ver	ry fit. 5 You	be 18 or over	to see some films.	
3 If you want to be a pilot you have good eyesight.			6 If you break something in a shop you pay for it.		