

must mustn't don't need to

A



must + infinitive (must do / must work etc.):

I/we/you/they
he/she/it

must

do
go
see
eat etc.

B

I must (do something) = I need to do it:

- ☐ I'm very hungry. I **must eat** something.
- ☐ It's a fantastic film. You **must see** it.
- ☐ The windows are very dirty. We **must clean** them.

For the past (yesterday / last week etc.), we use **had to ...** (not must):

- ☐ I was very hungry. I **had to eat** something. (not I must eat)
- ☐ We **had to walk** home last night. There were no buses. (not We must walk)

C

mustn't (= must not)

I mustn't (do something) = it is necessary *not* to do it, it is the wrong thing to do:

- ☐ I **must go**. I **mustn't be** late.
- ☐ I **mustn't forget** to phone Chris.
(= I **must remember** to phone her)
- ☐ Be happy! You **mustn't be** sad. (= don't be sad)
- ☐ You **mustn't touch** the pictures.
(= don't touch the pictures)



D

don't need to

I don't need (to do something) = it is not necessary:

- ☐ I **don't need to go** yet. I can stay a little longer.
- ☐ You **don't need to shout**. I can hear you OK.

You can also say **don't have to ...**:

- ☐ I **don't have to go** yet. I can stay a little longer.

Compare **don't need to** and **mustn't**:

- ☐ You **don't need to go**. You can stay here if you want.
- ☐ You **mustn't go**. You must stay here.

Exercises

Complete the sentences. Use **must** + these verbs:

be ~~eat~~ go learn meet wash win

- 1 I'm very hungry. I must eat something.
- 2 Marilyn is a very interesting person. You her.
- 3 My hands are dirty. I them.
- 4 You to drive. It will be very useful.
- 5 I shopping. I need to buy some food.
- 6 The game tomorrow is very important for us. We
- 7 You can't always have things immediately. You patient.

Write **I must** or **I had to**.

- 1 I had to walk home last night. There were no buses.
- 2 It's late. go now.
- 3 I don't usually work on Saturdays, but last Saturday work.
- 4 get up early tomorrow. I have a lot to do.
- 5 I came here by train. The train was full and stand all the way.
- 6 I was nearly late for my appointment this morning. run to get there on time.
- 7 I forgot to phone David yesterday. phone him later today.

Complete the sentences. Use **mustn't** or **don't need to** + these verbs:

forget ~~go~~ lose phone rush wait

- 1 I don't need to go home yet. I can stay a little longer.
- 2 We have a lot of time. We
- 3 Keep these papers in a safe place. You them.
- 4 I'm not ready yet, but you for me. You can go now and I'll come later.
- 5 We to turn off the lights before we leave.
- 6 I must contact David, but I him – I can send him an email.

Find the sentences with the same meaning.

- 1 We can leave the meeting early.
- 2 We must leave the meeting early.
- 3 We mustn't leave the meeting early.
- 4 We had to leave the meeting early.
- 5 We don't need to leave the meeting early.

- A We must stay until the end.
- B We couldn't stay until the end.
- C We can't stay until the end.
- D We can stay until the end.
- E We don't need to stay until the end.

- 1 E
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Write **must** / **mustn't** / **had to** / **don't need to**.

- 1 You don't need to go. You can stay here if you want.
- 2 It's a fantastic film. You must see it.
- 3 The restaurant won't be busy tonight. We reserve a table.
- 4 I was very busy last week. I work every evening.
- 5 I want to know what happened. You tell me.
- 6 I don't want Sue to know what happened. You tell her.
- 7 I go now or I'll be late for my appointment.
- 8 'Why were you so late?' 'I wait half an hour for a bus.'
- 9 We decide now. We can decide later.
- 10 It's Lisa's birthday next week. I forget to buy her a present.

I have to ...

A



I have to do something = it is necessary for me to do it, I am obliged to do it

I/we/you/they	have	to do to work to go to wear etc.
he/she/it	has	

- ☐ I'll be late for work tomorrow. I **have to go** to the dentist. 🗨️
- ☐ Jane starts work at 7 o'clock, so she **has to get** up at 6.
- ☐ You **have to pass** a test before you can get a driving licence.

B

The past (yesterday / last week etc.) is **had to** ... :

- ☐ I was late for work yesterday. I **had to go** to the dentist.
- ☐ We **had to walk** home last night. There were no buses.

C

In questions and negatives we use **do/does** (present) and **did** (past):

present

do	I/we/you/they	have to ... ?	do	I/we/you/they	don't have to ...
does	he/she/it		doesn't	he/she/it	

past

did	I/we/you/they he/she/it	have to ... ?	did	I/we/you/they he/she/it	didn't have to ...

- ☐ What time **do** you **have to go** to the dentist tomorrow?
- ☐ **Does** Jane **have to work** on Sundays?
- ☐ Why **did** they **have to leave** the party early?

I don't have to (do something) = it is not necessary to do it:

- ☐ I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to get** up early.
- ☐ Ian **doesn't have to work** very hard. He's got an easy job.
- ☐ We **didn't have to wait** very long for the bus – it came in a few minutes.

D

must and **have to**

You can use **must** or **have to** when you say what *you* think is necessary, when you give *your* opinion:

- ☐ It's a fantastic film. You **must** see it. or You **have to** see it.

When you are *not* giving your personal opinion, use **have to** (*not must*). Compare:

- ☐ Jane won't be at work this afternoon. She **has to go** to the doctor.
(this is not my personal opinion – it is a fact)
- ☐ Jane isn't well. She doesn't want to go to the doctor, but I told her she **must go**.
(this is my personal opinion)

Exercises

Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **has to** + these verbs:

do hit read speak travel ~~wear~~

- 1 My eyes are not very good. I have to wear glasses.
- 2 At the end of the course all the students a test.
- 3 Sarah is studying literature. She a lot of books.
- 4 Albert doesn't understand much English. You very slowly to him.
- 5 Kate is often away from home. She a lot in her job.
- 6 In tennis you the ball over the net.

Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **had to** + these verbs:

answer buy change go ~~walk~~

- 1 We had to walk home last night. There were no buses.
- 2 It's late. I now. I'll see you tomorrow.
- 3 I went to the supermarket after work yesterday. I some food.
- 4 This train doesn't go all the way to London. You at Bristol.
- 5 We did an exam yesterday. We six questions out of ten.

Complete the questions. Some are present and some are past.

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| 1 I have to get up early tomorrow. | What time <u>do you have to get up</u> ? |
| 2 George had to wait a long time. | How long ? |
| 3 Lisa has to go somewhere. | Where ? |
| 4 We had to pay a lot of money. | How much ? |
| 5 I have to do some work. | What exactly ? |

Write sentences with **don't/doesn't/didn't have to** ...

- 1 Why are you going out? You don't have to go out.
- 2 Why is Sue waiting? She
- 3 Why did you get up early? You
- 4 Why is Paul working so hard? He
- 5 Why do you want to leave now? We

Which is correct? Sometimes **must** and **have to** are both correct. Sometimes only one is correct.

- 1 It's a fantastic film. You must see / have to see it. (both are correct)
- 2 Jessica won't be at work this afternoon. She ~~must go~~ / has to go to the doctor.
(has to go is correct)
- 3 You can't park your car here for nothing. You must pay / have to pay.
- 4 I didn't have any money with me last night, so I must borrow / had to borrow some.
- 5 I eat too much chocolate. I really must stop / have to stop.
- 6 Paul is in a hurry. He must meet / has to meet somebody in five minutes.
- 7 What's wrong? You must tell / have to tell me. I want to help you.

Write some things that you (or your friends or family) have to do or had to do.

- 1 (every day) I have to travel ten miles every day.
- 2 (every day)
- 3 (yesterday)
- 4 (tomorrow)