

OBLIGATION, PERMISSION AND POSSIBILITY – INTERMEDIATE LEVEL



Fill in 'must' or 'have to':

1. I couldn't go to the party last night because I _____ to babysit for my sister.
2. I _____ get up early tomorrow morning. I want to start working earlier and have more free time in the afternoon.
3. I _____ get up early tomorrow morning. I need to catch the 5.30 train.
4. You _____ get a visa to visit the United States.
5. Annie will _____ do her homework again.
6. It's getting very late. We _____ go now.
7. I _____ stay in bed yesterday because I wasn't very well.
8. I don't like _____ work at weekends.

Obligation and necessity

Choose the correct form:

1. You *mustn't* / *don't have to* open the door before the train stops. You could fall out.
2. You *mustn't* / *don't have to* hurry. We've got plenty of time.
3. We *mustn't* / *haven't got to* make any noise going into the house. It's very late and everybody is asleep.
4. You *mustn't* / *needn't* tell Nicki about the party. I've already told her.
5. I *mustn't* / *haven't got to* go now. I can stay a bit longer if you want me to.

Choose the correct alternative:

1. You *don't need to* / *mustn't* stay here. You can do the work at home easily if you have a computer.
2. I've had an email about a training day on Monday. Do you think I *must* / *ought to* take my laptop? – Well, you *mustn't* / *don't have to*. But I always take mine, just in case I need it.
3. Where's John? – I don't know. He hasn't probably read the email yet. He *must be* / *should be* here.
4. Have you seen Carol? – Yes, an hour ago. – Well, she isn't in the office. – She *can* / *might* be in the canteen.
5. Nobody wanted to buy the house but finally they *could* / *managed to* sell it.
6. Well, I'm not sure what exactly happened but it *might* / *must* be true.
7. I have to hurry. I have a job interview. – Oh, you *can't* / *mustn't* be late then.
8. I think you should apply for the job. You *must* / *might* enjoy it.

Now choose the correct verb for these sentences:

1. You mustn't / don't have to come to the meeting but it would help us all if you're there.
2. I can't get a connection on my phone, have to / can I borrow yours?
3. The rules say that you can / have to only invite one guest to the club.
4. I must / have to stay on for a few hours because I'd rather work late today than over the weekend.
5. There's a lot of noise coming from outside. Could / Must I close the window?
6. You have to / can start saving money if you want to retire early.
7. Did they tell you that you don't have to / can't come into this area. It's restricted to staff only.
8. We can / have to be there fifteen minutes before the concert starts.