

SHOULD / HAVE TO / MUST = IN THE PAST

Modals in the present	Modals in the past
Should = advice You should study more.	Should have + participle = advice You should have studied more.
Must = obligation Students must wear a uniform.	Had to = obligation I had to wear a uniform when at school.
Must not = prohibition You must not smoke here.	Didn't have to = lack of necessity You didn't have to bring all your books today.
Have to = necessity I have to clean my house today.	Had to = necessity I had to clean my house yesterday.

PRACTICE

Choose the correct modal according to each situation:

01. Sally her mother with the housework last weekend. (**necessity**)
HAD TO HELP

SHOULD HAVE HELPED

DIDN'T HAVE TO HELP

**02. You look terrible today. You
at John's party for so long. (advice)
SHOULDN'T HAVE STAYED**

DIDN'T HAVE TO STAY

HAD TO STAY

**03. The children early this
week. They had to classes. (lack of necessity)
HAD TO WAKE UP**

SHOULD HAVE WOKEN UP

DIDN'T HAVE TO WAKE UP

**04. I today, as there was some
leftover. (lack of necessity)
SHOULDN'T HAVE COOKED**

DIDN'T HAVE TO COOK

HAD TO COOK

**05. They that in front of all of
us. It was wrong. (advice)
DIDN'T HAVE TO DO**

HAD TO DO

SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE

**06. Mary and her friends more if they
want to get into med school. (necessity)**

HAD TO STUDY

DIDN'T HAVE TO STUDY

SHOULDN'T HAVE STUDIED

07. You your parents where you were going to spend the night. (advice)

HAD TO TELL

SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD

SHOULD HAVE TOLD

08. Bob a new job as soon as he lost his last one. (obligation)

HAD TO FIND

SHOULD HAVE FOUND

DIDN'T HAVE TO FIND

09. My sister a new dress because I gave her one on her birthday. (not necessarily)

SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT

DIDN'T HAVE TO BUY

DOESN'T HAVE TO BUY

10. I twice before buying this old car. (advice)

HAD TO THINK

**SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT
DIDN'T HAVE TO THINK**