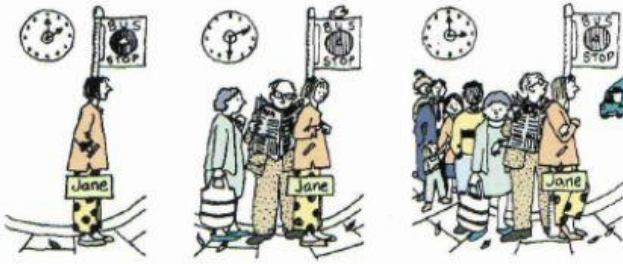


# Had to do/go, should have done/gone

1 Look at this example:



Jane **had to** wait an hour for a bus.

**Had to wait** means that Jane waited because no bus came for an hour.

We use **had to** to talk about something that someone did because it was necessary.

If someone did not do something because it was not necessary, we use **didn't have to**:

*I didn't have to work last Saturday.* (= I didn't work because it was not necessary.)

The question form is **did ... have to**:

*Did you have to work last Saturday?*

2 Now consider this situation:

Pam's job includes working on Saturday. Last Saturday she was ill, so she didn't work:  
*Pam should have gone to work last Saturday, but she was ill. So she stayed at home.*

We use **should have** (done/gone, etc.) to say that something which did not happen was the correct or best action. We can also use **should have** to criticize someone. Look at this example:

Peter, a farm worker, didn't close a gate, and the cows got into the wrong field:  
*Peter should have closed the gate.*

We use **shouldn't have** (done/gone, etc.) to say that something which did happen was not the correct action:

*I shouldn't have got angry with Jane.*  
(= I got angry with Jane, but it was not a good thing to do.)  
*Peter shouldn't have left the gate open.*

## Practice

A Complete the dialogues with **had to**, or **did ... have to** and the words in brackets.

- ▶ Jim: When you had that stomach trouble, *did you have to*..... (you) go into hospital?  
Joan: No, *I didn't have to*..... (not) go into hospital, but *I had to*..... stay in bed for a week.
- 1 Alan: Was there a translation in the exam?  
Jane: No, we ..... (not) translate anything, but we ..... write three essays.
- 2 Ann: I was very busy yesterday.  
Bill: What ..... (you) do?  
Ann: I ..... prepare everything for today's meeting.
- 3 Ken: ..... (you) wear uniform when you were at school?  
Jean: Yes, and we ..... make sure it was always neat and tidy, as well.
- 4 Tom: What ..... (you) do to get your international driving licence?  
Tina: I ..... show the police my national driving licence, but I ..... (not) take another driving test.
- 5 Mark: Our children enjoyed their holiday at the summer camp.  
Mary: ..... (they) help at mealtimes?  
Mark: Well, they ..... (not) make the food, but they ..... (help) with the washing-up.

**B** Complete the sentences with *should have* or *shouldn't have* for these situations.

- ▶ Philip didn't take his medicine. Later he got very ill.  
Philip should have taken..... his medicine.
- ▶ Sara drove her car when she was tired and she had an accident.  
Sara should have driven..... her car when she was tired.
- 1 Tony didn't buy any sugar so he couldn't make a cake.  
Tony ..... some sugar.
- 2 Sally had a cold but she still went to the cinema. Later she had to stay in bed.  
Sally ..... to the cinema.
- 3 Ted ate a lot of apples. Later he had stomach ache.  
Ted ..... so many apples.
- 4 Lucy didn't lock the door to her flat when she went to buy a newspaper. While she was away, someone stole her television.  
Lucy ..... the door when she went out.
- 5 Mary borrowed Tom's camera without asking him.  
Mary ..... Tom's camera without asking him.

**C** Here is the work plan for the Information Office at Heathrow Airport for last weekend. If someone did not in fact work, there is a comment.

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
On duty	Comments	On duty	Comments
Jenny	✓	Colin	✓
Brian	ill	Mary	✓
Joan	ill	Derek	ill
Daniel	✓	Carol	ill

From the information in the table, write complete sentences using *had to*, *didn't have to*, or *should have* and the words in brackets.

- ▶ (Jenny/Saturday) Jenny had to work on Saturday......
- ▶ (Colin/Saturday) Colin didn't have to work on Saturday......
- ▶ (Carol/Sunday) Carol should have worked on Sunday..... but she was ill.
- 1 (Colin/Sunday) .....
- 2 (Joan/Sunday) .....
- 3 (Derek/Sunday) ..... but he was ill.
- 4 (Mary/Saturday) .....
- 5 (Brian/Saturday) ..... but he was ill.
- 6 (Daniel/Saturday) .....
- 7 (Joan/Saturday) ..... but she was ill.
- 8 (Derek/Saturday) .....