

# 2.3 Grammar

## had to, could

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1 Complete the sentences with *had to* or *didn't have to* and the verbs in brackets.



Pops, Eva and Mac went to the Amazon ...

- 1 They had to pack (pack) the right clothes and equipment.
- 2 They took a train to the airport so they \_\_\_\_\_ (go) by taxi.
- 3 In the Amazon, they \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) by canoe because there weren't any roads.
- 4 They knew the area well, so they \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a guide with them.
- 5 They \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) in tents. They slept in a cabin - a small, wooden house.
- 6 They \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) the door of the cabin at night because the jungle is a scary place!

2 Complete the questions with *have to* and then complete the short answers.

Reporter: Pops, tell me about life on your parents' farm. <sup>1</sup>*Did you have to get up* (get up) early in the morning?

Pops: Yes, <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. School started at eight and it was five kilometres away.

Reporter: <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (your mum / drive) you there?

Pops: No, <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I went on foot.

Reporter: <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you / work) on the farm?

Pops: Yes, <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. We had a lot of animals.

Reporter: <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (you / feed) them before school?

Pops: No, <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, but I had to feed them in the afternoon.

Reporter: Were you happy? Was your life hard?

Pops: Yes, it was, but it was a good life.

3 Look at the table. What could or couldn't Greg and Lou do when they were eight years old? Write questions and answers. Then write about you.

	Greg	Lou
speaking French	✓	✗
drawing well	✗	✗
riding a bike	✗	✓
making biscuits	✗	✓
climbing trees	✓	✓

1 Greg / speak French?

A: Could Greg speak French?

B: Yes, he could.

2 Greg and Lou / draw well?

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Lou / ride a bike?

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

4 Greg / make biscuits?

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

5 Lou and Greg / climb trees?

A: \_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

6 When I was eight years old, I \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\*4 Complete the dialogue. Use one word in each gap.

A: How did you get lost?

B: We went for a walk in the mountains, but it got dark and we <sup>1</sup>*couldn't* see. We didn't have any food with us, so we <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to eat berries.

A: What about mushrooms?

B: We <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ eat mushrooms! Some mushrooms are dangerous!

A: What did you drink?

B: There was a river. The water was clean, so we <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ drink it.

A: Did you <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to sleep under the stars?

B: Yes, we <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and it was very cold at night. Then the next day, a man found us and took us to his village. Luckily, we <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ have to walk far. The village was only a kilometre away!

