

must, mustn't, have to, don't have to, had to

We can use either *must* or *have to* to express obligation or necessity.

We use **must**:

- to talk about obligations and things we decide are necessary

We must revise for the exam. It's late! We must go.

- to give advice or recommend something

It's a fantastic film. You must see it!

- with rules and instructions

You must stand up when the teacher arrives. You must write your name in black ink.

We use **have to**:

- to talk about obligations or something which is necessary because of a law or because someone else says it.

My boss says I have to give a presentation tomorrow.

I have to wear a uniform at my school.

We use **mustn't**:

- to express prohibition

You mustn't run in the corridor. You mustn't talk loudly in the library.

We use **don't have to**:

- to say that something isn't necessary

We don't have to go to school on Saturday. Does she have to get up early tomorrow morning?

Note!

For past obligations we use **had to**.

1 Complete the sentences with *must* or *mustn't*.

1 We mustn't forget mum and dad's wedding anniversary.

2 Students _____ turn off their mobile phones at school.

3 She _____ go home alone. It's dangerous.

4 We've got a maths test tomorrow. We _____ study hard.

5 You _____ visit India one day. It's a fascinating country!

6 The film starts at 9 p.m. We _____ be late.

7 The sea is rough today. You _____ swim here.

8 Pete is sick. He _____ stay in bed today.

2 Complete the sentences with *must* / *mustn't* and a verb from the box.

forget finish wash leave read feed go eat

1 My hands are dirty. I must wash them.

2 We _____ to the supermarket. We haven't got any milk.

3 I _____ to phone Julie.

4 It's a great book. You _____ it.

5 The dentist told the children they _____ too many sweets.

6 You _____ the animals at the zoo.

7 He _____ the window open. It's raining!

8 I _____ my homework.

3 Complete the sentences with *mustn't* or *don't have to* / *doesn't have to*.

- 1 They don't have to wear a uniform. It's not obligatory at this school.
- 2 She _____ decide right now. She can decide later.
- 3 We _____ eat in the classrooms.
- 4 You _____ cut the grass. I cut it yesterday.
- 5 He _____ drive so fast. It's dangerous.
- 6 Susan is very rich. She _____ work!

4 Complete the letter with the correct forms of *must* or *have to*.

Dear Jessica,

how are you? I'm fine. I've got a new job in a DIY shop! I (1) _____ work every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. I don't mind because I (2) _____ get up too early! I (3) _____ wear a uniform, but it's OK. It's a blue shirt and white trousers. I (4) _____ know all about the products in the shop. Sometimes the customers can be difficult but I (5) _____ be rude! My boss is really kind but he says I (6) _____ be late for work. I (7) _____ bring my own lunch because there is a canteen for the staff. I really like my new job, but there's one problem. I (8) _____ do all my homework on Sunday!

Write soon,

Lian X

**5** Write about the things you *had to* do and *didn't have to* do when you were a child. You can use the ideas in the box to help you.

learn Chinese	wear a uniform	go to school	go to bed early
walk to school	wear glasses	write poems	do the washing up

- 1 I had to wear a uniform at school.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____