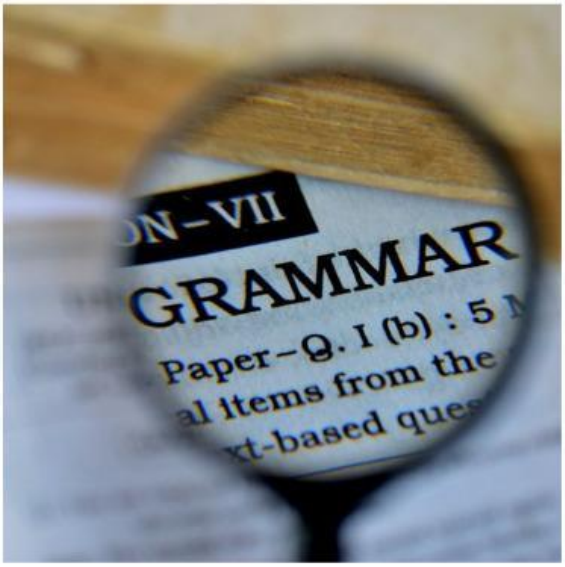
MODAL VERBS 2 - OBLIGATION, NECESSITY, PROHIBITION, ADVICE



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1 Modal verbs for necessity and advice

We use the modal verbs **must**, **have to**, **need to**, and **should** to say that something is necessary or to give advice. The table below summarizes the main uses of the positive and negative forms:

Modal verb	Use	Examples
must **have to** **need to**	to say that something is necessary or obligatory	It's getting late. I **have to** go now. You **must** get up early if you want to get to work. Joaquim isn't ready for his exam. He **needs to** study harder. **NOTE: must vs. have to** In general, **must** refers to an internal feeling whereas **have to** can also refer to an external obligation, e.g. a rule, a time limit, etc.
don't have to **don't need to**	to say that something is not necessary	I'm not working tomorrow so I **don't have to** get up early. You **don't need to** give me your phone number. I already have it.
mustn't	to say that something is prohibited or forbidden	You **mustn't** smoke here. This is a non-smoking area.
should / **shouldn't**	to say that something is a good or bad idea	You **should** spend some time in England to improve your English. You **shouldn't** drink so quickly.

A: It's getting late. I **should** go home now.

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B: Really? But you **don't have to** work tomorrow.

A: Yes, I know. But I **must** get some sleep. My doctor says I **need to** relax more.

2 Practice 1 - Must or have to

Claire is a architect. She has just started her new job. Complete the sentences below using must or have to in the correct form, positive, or negative.

1. She has to work 8 hours every day.
2. She _____ smoke at work. The building is a non-smoking area.
3. She _____ wear very formal clothes. The office has a relaxed dress code.
4. She _____ wear a hard hat when visiting a building site, according to safety regulations.
5. She _____ meet clients every day. Her work involves a lot of meetings.
6. She _____ work hard if she wants a promotion. Her boss is very demanding.
7. She _____ get up early every day. She can work flexible hours.
8. She _____ park her car near the building entrance. That space is reserved for the director.

3 Practice 2 - Should or shouldn't

Give your friend advice using should or shouldn't and one of the phrases below.

be so careless	eat so much cake	go to bed earlier	have an eye test
quit your job	take up a new hobby	try to relax more	use your phone all day

1. "I am always tired during the day."
   You .....
2. "I need to lose weight."
   You .....
3. "I'm very stressed these days."
   You .....
4. "I feel bored."
   You .....
5. "My purse was stolen again!"
   You .....
6. "I can't see very well."
   You .....
7. "My boss is driving me crazy!"
   You .....
8. "My phone bill is really expensive."
   You .....

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4 Practice 3

Rewrite each sentence using an appropriate modal verb from Page 1. More than one answer may be possible.

1. It is very important that you do not forget to call me tomorrow.

   You .....

2. It is not necessary for them to wait for me.

   They .....

3. It is obligatory for us to check out of the hotel before midday.

   We .....

4. It is a good idea for him to study hard if he wants to pass his exam.

   He .....

5. I feel it is very important that you try to go to bed early tonight.

   You .....

6. It isn't a good idea to believe everything you read on the internet.

   You .....

7. It is obligatory to drive on the right side of the road in the US.

   You .....

8. It is forbidden to cross the border without a passport.

   You .....

9. It is not necessary for his present to be expensive.

   His present .....

Talk about your country. What advice would you give a visitor. Make some sentences using the modal verbs from this lesson, for example:

You have to drive on the right. *You should use the formal 'you' when you don't know someone.*

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