

95 Obligation

SCHOOL RULES

When I was at school in the 1950s, we **had to** wear a uniform, which we hated. We **weren't allowed to** talk to the girls at the school next to ours, but, of course, nobody **obeyed** that rule. Smoking was **banned** everywhere. The teachers **made us** work very hard, and we **were forced to** stay after school some evenings to do several hours' homework. The **punishments** were terrible. One day, I was **behaving** badly in class and the teacher got very angry. I knew I **ought to** apologize but I didn't, so I was **punished**: he hit me with a stick. I've had a problem with people in positions of **authority** since then. I think teachers have an **obligation** to protect children, not hit them.



GLOSSARY

have to do sth	used for saying that sb must do sth, or that sth must happen ALSO have got to do sth Have got to do sth is more informal. It doesn't have its own past tense forms. It uses the same form as have to do sth does, i.e. had to (NOT had got to).	make sb do sth	tell sb that they must do sth which they do not want to do SYN force sb to do sth
allow sb to do sth	(often passive) tell sb that they can do sth	punishment	the act of making sb suffer for sth they have done wrong punish v
obey	do what you are told to do: obey the rules OPP disobey	behave	do things in a certain way behaviour n
ban	(often passive) say officially that sth is not allowed	ought to do sth	used for saying what is the right thing to do SYN should do sth
		authority	the power to give orders to other people
		obligation	sth you must do because you have promised, or because of a law or rule

1 Cross out one word.

- ▶ Will the government ~~to~~ ban fast food?
- 1 Did she force to you to eat it?
- 2 They made us to sit there for an hour.
- 3 I wasn't be allowed to eat anything.
- 4 Did he always obey with the rules?
- 5 She punished to me because I was late.
- 6 They've have got to go out later.
- 7 You should ought to write and thank him.
- 8 He didn't have got to do the exercise.

2 Rewrite the sentences using the words in capitals. The meaning must remain the same.

- ▶ You must go this evening. **HAVE GOT TO** You've got to go this evening.
- 1 He behaved badly. **BEHAVIOUR**
- 2 They made us do it. **FORCE**
- 3 You can't smoke in here. **ALLOW**
- 4 You should see a doctor. **OUGHT**
- 5 He does what the teacher tells him to do. **OBEY**
- 6 How did they punish you? **PUNISHMENT**
- 7 You can't take bottles inside the stadium. **BAN**
- 8 You have to protect all students. **OBLIGATION**

3 Complete the questions with a suitable word.

- When you were at school at the age of 14,
- ▶ did you have to buy your own books?
 - 1 were girls to wear make-up?
 - 2 did the teachers you do lots of homework?
 - 3 what happened if you the rules?
 - 4 did you always respect the of your teachers?
 - 5 what did teachers you to do that you didn't like?
 - 6 did children better or worse than nowadays?

ABOUT YOU

4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to Exercise 3, or ask another student.



TEST YOURSELF