

GRAMMAR: MODALS

Modals of obligation, prohibition and necessity



INTRODUCTION:

must

Obligation: You **must** study tonight, we have an exam tomorrow.

mustn't

Prohibition: You **mustn't** smoke in public spaces. It's forbidden.

have to

Obligation: Doctors sometimes **have to** work on Sunday.

had to (past)

Obligation: She **couldn't** stay; she **had to** go home.

don't have to

No obligation: Teachers **don't have to** work on Sunday.

didn't have to (past)

No obligation: You **didn't have to** apologise; it wasn't necessary.

Complete the sentences with the words in the box:

mustn't - don't have to - must - has to - have to - didn't have to - had to

1. We _____ talk during the play.	5. Your video _____ be entertaining if you want it to go viral.
2. I _____ return the book to the library.	6. She _____ to go to the bank yesterday because she needed cash.
3. You _____ have to come camping with us, but I think you would enjoy it.	7. You _____ buy bread. There's enough at home.
4. We _____ get up at 5 a.m. yesterday to go on the ski trip.	8. We _____ go to class last week because we went on a class trip.

Match the modal verb with its use:

1. You mustn't talk at the cinema.	A) It is a necessity
2. She must/has to do her homework.	B) It isn't obligatory
3. We need to buy milk.	C) It isn't necessary
4. You don't need to worry about Sally. She's fine.	D) It is prohibited
5. They don't have to get up early at the weekend,	E) It is obligatory