



## Obligation in the Past

We use " **had to** " or " **didn't have to** " to show obligation or lack of obligation in the past.

| Modal   | Positive                                         | Negative                                          | Interrogative (Question)                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Have to | Had to                                           | Didn't have to                                    | Did + Subject + have to + base verb ?         |
|         | People had to use animals to travel in the past. | They didn't have to wear special uniform at work. | Did they have to get a degree to do that job? |

- A few years ago , we didn't have to go to school on Fridays.
- People had to certain jobs to earn their living.
- Did they have to buy a new house when they moved to the city?
- I had to spend hours or days looking for information in different libraries before the Internet.
- Women had to stay at home doing chores and taking care of their children.
- Did you have to clean your room when you were a child?
- The teacher gave us extra time to submit the project, so we didn't have finish it yesterday.

### Practice:

Choose the correct answer from a, b, c , or d:

1. Laila \_\_\_\_\_ dinner earlier to watch her favourite programme with her sister.

- a. had cook
- b. didn't cooked
- c. had to cook

2. \_\_\_\_\_you \_\_\_\_\_apply for a job after you had graduated from university?

- a. Did \_\_\_\_have to
- b. Had \_\_\_\_to
- c. Did \_\_\_\_ had to

3. We \_\_\_\_\_ tickets before we go to the show. They were available there.

- a. had to buy
- b. didn't have to buy
- c. hadn't buy

4. I \_\_\_\_\_ my father at the farm when I was young.

- a. didn't had to help
- b. not had to help
- c. had to help

5. At the time of Covid 19 , everyone \_\_\_\_\_ a mask at public areas.

- a. didn't had to wear
- b. had to wear
- c. wearing

6. There was no technology in the past and people \_\_\_\_\_too more work than they do now.

- a. had to do
- b. don't have to do
- c. had do

7. It was raining heavily last night , so we \_\_\_\_\_at home.

- a. didn't have to stay
- b. had to stay
- c. had stay

8. My car was working properly and I never complained about it , so I \_\_\_\_\_a new one.

- a. had to buy
- b. didn't have buy
- c. didn't have to buy

9. \_\_\_\_\_Salem \_\_\_\_\_heavy clothes before he flew to London? It was freezing there.

- a. Had \_\_\_\_\_buy
- b. Did \_\_\_\_\_have to buy
- c. Did \_\_\_\_\_had to buy

10. We \_\_\_\_\_ a mechanic as our car broke down on our way to Ajman yesterday.

- a. had to call
- b. didn't have to called
- c. had called