

Expressing obligation and prohibition

Have to / Must + infinitive

= Muset

They are normally used to talk about obligation (povinnost) or something that it is necessary to do.

They have very similar meaning. **Have to** is more common for general, external obligations (rules, laws) and **must** is more common for specific or personal obligations. Compare:

- I have to wear a shirt and tie to work. = It's a rule in this company.
- I must buy a new shirt. = It's my own decision.

Have to exists in all tenses (present, past, future) and forms (gerund, infinitive)

- I have to do it. / I had to do it. / I will have to do it.

Must exists only in present tense.

- I must do it.

Don't have to + infinitive

= Nemuset

- I don't have to pay for the tickets. - It's not necessary.
- I didn't have to go to school last week.
- I will have to study more.

don't have to
Not Necessary



Mustn't + infinitive

= Nesmět

- You mustn't park here. - It's prohibited.

mustn't
Prohibited



We can often use **can't** (=nemocht) or **not be allowed to** instead of mustn't

- You can't park here.
- You are not allowed to park here.

Should/Shouldn't + infinitive

= Měl bys / Neměl bys

We use it to give advice or an opinion. It is not as strong as must/have to.

- You should take warm clothes with you to Dublin. It might be cold there.
- You shouldn't drink so much coffee. It's not good for you.
- Should I do it or not?

We can use **ought to/ought not to + infinitive** instead of should/shouldn't.

- You ought to take warm clothes.
- You ought not to drink so much coffee.



1) Match the phrases to their meaning

a) You have to turn off your phone!

b) You should block mobile phone reception.

c) You mustn't text and drive.

d) You don't have to hang up yet.

e) You shouldn't cut off a phone call.

1) It's prohibited, don't do this.

2) It's necessary or compulsory to do this.

3) It's a good idea to do this.

4) It's a bad idea to do this.

5) This isn't necessary.

2)

Circle the correct form. Tick (✓) if both are possible.

You don't have to / mustn't use your phone in quiet zones.

- 1 Do you think we *should* / *ought to* text Dad to tell him we'll be late?
- 2 You don't have to / *mustn't* send text messages when you are driving.
- 3 A pilot *has to* / *must* wear a uniform when he's at work.
- 4 You *should* / *must* go to the Uffizi when you're in Florence.
- 5 I *have to* / *must* speak to my phone company. My last bill was wrong.
- 6 We *don't have to* / *mustn't* hurry. We have plenty of time.
- 7 When I was at school we *had to* / *must* wear a horrible uniform.
- 8 You *shouldn't* / *don't have to* walk on the grass. They've just planted flowers there.

3)

Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

If the line's engaged, you ll have to call back later. (have to)

- 1 _____ do a lot of homework when you were at school? (you / have to)
- 2 _____ take my tablet out of my bag at Security? (I / must)
- 3 My sister is a nurse, so some weeks _____ work nights. (she / have to)
- 4 _____ ever _____ have an operation? (you / have to)
- 5 Saturdays are the best day of the week. I love _____ get up early. (not have to)
- 6 I don't think _____ wear boots inside their house. (we / should)
- 7 The exhibition was free, so I _____ pay. (not have to)



You don't have to take anything seriously if your life's a joke



Phone language and vocabulary

4) Listen and match what you hear to the sentences (write numbers in correct order)

- ☐ A He's **dialling** a number.
- ☐ B She's **texting (messaging)** a friend.
- ☐ C He's just **hung up**.
- ☐ D She's choosing a new **ringtone**.
- ☐ E He's **calling back**.
- ☐ F She's **left a message** on his **voicemail**.
- ☐ G The line's **engaged (busy)**.
- ☐ H She's **swiping** through photos.
- ☐ I His phone **went off** in the middle of a meeting.
- ☐ J She needs to talk to a helpline, but they've **put her on hold**.
- ☐ K He was **cut off** in the middle of a conversation.



5) Match the words from the list to definitions (write them into the sentences)

call back cut sb off dial engaged / busy go off
hang up leave a message put sb on hold ringtone
swipe text / message voicemail

- 1 to send sb a message using a mobile phone
text / message
- 2 to make a caller wait until the person they want to talk to is free
put sb on hold
- 3 to phone sb again or phone sb who called you earlier
call back
- 4 to start ringing
go off
- 5 to record information for sb to listen to later
leave a message
- 6 an electronic system that can store messages so that you can listen to them later
voicemail
- 7 to stop or interrupt sb's phone conversation
cut sb off
- 8 to push the buttons on a phone to call a number
dial
- 9 the sound your phone makes when sb is calling you
ringtone
- 10 to move content across a screen using your finger
swipe
- 11 meaning that a phone is in use and can't be called
engaged / busy
- 12 to end a phone conversation and put the phone down
hang up



6) Complete the sentences with the words from the previous exercise

- 1 I wanted to speak to my boss personally, so I didn't leave a message.
- 2 If I give you my phone, you can _____ through my holiday photos.
- 3 We turned off our phones at the start of the film to make sure they didn't _____.
- 4 We were _____ when the train I was on went into a tunnel.
- 5 I need to choose another _____ because I never hear the one I've got.
- 6 I couldn't talk to my bank because the phone was _____.
- 7 When you call big companies they often _____ you _____ for a long time.
- 8 John isn't answering his phone, so I'll have to _____ later.
- 9 Did you listen to your _____ last night? I left you a message.
- 10 I usually _____ when companies call me to try to sell me something.
- 11 I don't have to _____ my friends' numbers because they're all in my contacts.
- 12 Can you _____ your brother and tell him we're going to be late?



7) Choose the correct word so that it fits into the sentence

- a) _____! I can't hear you very well.
- b) You should _____ the phone. It might be important.
- c) C'mon, _____! the phone! I need to talk to you!
- d) The phone has ben _____ for 5 minutes but I don't want to talk to anyone.
- e) Sorry I have to _____ now, my lesson starts in a minute.
- f) You don't have to _____, just leave me a message.

8) Self-assessment

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| - I understand how to use <i>have to/must/don't have to/mustn't/should/shouldn't</i> | Yes – No |
| - How well can I talk about obligation, prohibition, give advice? | Very well – Not great – Not at all |
| - I am able to use new vocabulary related to phone communication | Yes – No |