*I NEEDN'T HAVE BROUGHT* my own snack. There was a coffee break.
**Subject +** *needn't have* **+** past participle verb **(3rd column)**
→ You *didn't know* something *was unnecessary* but *you did it*.

*I DIDN'T NEED TO BE VACCINATED*. I had been vaccinated for yellow fever before.
**Subject +** *didn't need to* **+** bare infinitive verb
→ You *knew* something *was unnecessary* and you did it anyway or you didn't do it.

**TASK 1:** Match the clauses a-b and the sentences 1-2.

a. I needn't have returned…          b. I didn't need to return…

1. _____ the book at the library today but since I was there, I did it anyway. Now I'll have the rest of the day off.

2. _____ the book at the library today because the due date is only tomorrow. Now I'll have to borrow it again to finish my paper.

a. I needn't have bought…          b. I didn't need to buy…

1. _____ a new pair of socks because mum told me before I set off to the mall that she had already bought me one.

2. _____ a new pair of socks because my mum had already bought me one. Now I need to return it.

**TASK 2:** Complete the sentences with *didn't need* or *needn't have* plus the *verbs in brackets*.

1. I _____ (GO) to work today but I went as I knew they were really busy on this new contract.

2. I _____ (TAKE) any money to the museum - I didn't realise it was free to enter.

3. Sheila _____ (GOT) a taxi to the party. I would have given her a lift in my car.

4. Oh Mike, you _____ (BUY) me anything for my birthday! A simple card would have been perfectly acceptable.

5. Today was the last day of school and we _____ (ATTEND) classes in the afternoon.

6. We went for a lovely walk in the woods yesterday. We took a huge picnic with us but there was a café there anyway. We _____ (TAKE) anything!

7. Our boss told us we had an extra three days to finish the project so we _____ (WORK) so hard.

8. You _____ (SAY) anything to Carla about the broken vase. She understood what had happened anyway.