Grammar: obligation, necessity, permission (must, have to, can)

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences. In some sentences both answers may be possible.

1 We *don't have to* / *mustn't* go to work tomorrow. It's a holiday.
2 I'm late for a meeting. I *have to* / *must* go now.
3 Don't worry about the bill. We *can* / *must* pay by credit card.
4 There's a red flag. We *can't* / *mustn't* go swimming.
5 You *don't have to* / *mustn't* touch the cooker. It's hot.
6 You *can* / *have to* drive on the left in the UK.
7 You *must* / *have to* wear a seatbelt when you travel by car.
8 I *can't* / *don't have to* send personal emails from work.

The world's smallest classroom

Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, has given one of its teachers an unusual job for the day. Marketing Professor David Hardisty [1] *has to give* (give) a class in an office block outside the university. But he [2] **can't/doesn't have to** teach) students in a classroom. His 'students' are businessmen and women, and his 'classroom' is the lift of the building. Professor Hardisty [3] **has to/can** prepare the lift to look like a classroom before everybody comes to work. He [4] **mustn't/doesn't have to** be shy when the first people get into the lift, because he hasn't got much time to give the class. Instead he [5] **must/can** start talking as soon as the lift doors close. He [6] **mustn't/doesn't have to** not relax until his students get out on the top floor of the building. Then, he [7] **can/must** get out of the lift and watch the video of the class, which someone has filmed. Professor Hardisty [8] **doesn't have to do/can't** do the class every day because the university now has the video. They are going to put the video of the class onto the internet to advertise the business school.

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