

Exercise 9

Read the information again. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Use contractions (e.g. *didn't*), where possible. Some sentences are negative. The first question has been done for you.

Talking about past obligations

- Strong positive obligations: *had to*
- Strong negative obligations: *wasn't / weren't allowed to*
- No obligation: *didn't have to*
- Past mistakes / regrets: *should / shouldn't have + past participle*

1. Personally, I really regret choosing to study law at university. I shouldn't have chosen it! (should / choose)
2. Looking back on it, engineering would have been more interesting, so I _____ an engineering course instead. (should / do)
3. When I read the course prospectus, the course sounded really interesting. It _____ a really practical course, with lots of real-life case studies and class discussions. (should / be)
4. However, it wasn't practical at all. We just _____ thousands of names and dates and technical terms. (have / learn)
5. During lectures, we just _____ and take notes. (have / listen)
6. We _____ to ask any questions during lectures. (allow)
7. In my opinion, the lecturer preferred it that way because she _____ creative in her teaching. (have / be)