MODAL VERBS

MUST vs. HAVE TO



MUST

The *speaker* thinks it is necessary.
Personal opinion.
Written rules/instructions.

HAVETO

Another person thinks it is necessary. External obligation. Facts, not opinions.

The teacher is giving the students an obligation / instructions.

TEACHER: You must complete the essay by Friday.

STUDENT: We have to complete the essay by Friday.

The teacher has given us the obligation / instructions.

We use *Had to* instead of *Must* in the past tense.

 I had to pay my speeding ticket yesterday. Have to is more common than Must in questions.

- When do you have to finish the report?

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Practice 2

Fill in the blanks with affirmative or negative forms of must or have to / has to.

1. It's raining outside. Tim take his umbrella.
2. I can give you my car, so you buy a new one.
3. They be in a hurry, because they have got more than enough time.
4. You stop at the red light.
5. Tomorrow is Sunday. You get up very early.
6. Mrs. Parks can't see very well. She wear glasses.
7. You return them. They are too small for you.
8. I am broke, I borrow some money to buy a car.
9. You stop smoking. It is very harmful.
10. All the students obey the school rules.
11. It's freezing outside, so we take a cab and not walk.
12. Students look at their notes during the test.
13. I have a terrible headache, so I leave early.