

64 have to, need to



1 Form

SUBJECT	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
I/We/You/They	have to/need to pay.	do not (don't) have to/need to pay.
He/She/It	has to/needs to pay.	does not (doesn't) have to/need to pay.
QUESTIONS	SHORT ANSWERS	
Do I/we/you/they have to/need to pay?	Yes, I/we/you/they do.	No, I/we/you/they don't.
Does he/she/it have to/need to pay?	Yes, he/she/it does.	No, he/she/it doesn't.

Have to and *need to* are different from most modal verbs. They change after *he/she/it* and use *do/does* in questions and negatives, like all main verbs.

2 have to or need to?

We use *have to*

- when it is important to do something because there is a rule or a law:
You have to put a card down. (It's a rule of the game.)
Cars have to pay to cross the bridge. *Do you have to be a member to use the gym?*
- when it is necessary to do something; we cannot choose not to do it:
I have to get up early tomorrow – the train leaves at 6.45 a.m.

We use *need to*

- when we think something is necessary or a good idea:
I need to earn some more money. *She needs to talk to her doctor.*
- when something is necessary for our body or health:
I need to go to bed early tonight – I'm very tired. *You need to drink more water.*

NATURAL ENGLISH In everyday English we often use the short form *have got to* ('ve/ 's got to).

It means the same as *have to*:

I've got to get up early tomorrow to catch the train.

3 don't have to or don't need to?

We use *don't have to* and *don't need to* when it is NOT necessary to do something:

Cyclists don't have to/need to pay to cross the bridge – there's no charge for bicycles.

We don't have to/need to get up early tomorrow – it's Sunday.



It is possible to use *needn't* for *don't need to*. We use it with the infinitive without *to*:

✗ *You needn't to pay. I've got enough money.* ✓ *You needn't pay. I've got enough money.*

Practice

1 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the information. Choose the correct answers, A, B or C. In one question, two answers are possible.

Barton Cross Fun Run SUNDAY 13 APRIL

Please arrive at the meeting point no later than 8.30 a.m. You (0) register by 9.00 a.m. If you have pre-registered online, you (1) provide all your details again, but you (2) collect your personal number for the race. Everyone (3) wear their number at the start and end of the race so that we can be sure we have the correct times, but you (4) wear the number through the whole race.

The Fun Run is only 10km, but please remember that you (5) do some warm-up exercises before you start, to avoid injury. You (6) bring bottles of water with you – the organisers provide water at points along the route. Please don't stop at these points for more than a few seconds – everyone (7) keep moving during the race.

Finally, please remember that this is a very physical event and you (8) be fit and healthy. Good luck!



0 A need to **B** have to C don't have to
1 A have to B don't have to
C do not need
2 A have to B needn't C don't have to
3 A has to B needs C doesn't need to
4 A has to B needs to C don't have to
5 A need to B don't need to
C don't have to
6 A needn't B have to C don't need to
7 A needn't B has to C doesn't need to
8 A need to B needn't C has to

2 Complete the sentences with a form of the verbs in brackets () and a verb from the box. Use short forms.

become buy drink go pay stay

0 I'm a member of the club so I don't have to pay... to get in. (have to)
1 I shopping because we haven't got any food at all. (need to)
2 Tourists full-price metro tickets. They can get special discount cards. (have to)
3 Do you a member of the tennis club if you want to play? (have to)
4 Your friend at a hotel. She can sleep on the sofa. (need to)
5 It's a really tough aerobics class, so you lots of water. (need to)

3 Find four more mistakes or missing words in the sentences and correct them. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

0 Sarah has to wear a uniform because she is a nurse. ✓
1 Harry needs wear reading glasses.
2 Caroline needs to do more exercise.
3 Raisa has to carry an identity card.
4 Peter have to start work at eight o'clock.
5 Do you have go to work on Sundays?
6 Have you to cook every night?

4 Write sentences 3 and 4 from Exercise 3 again so they are true for you.