GRAMMAR: MODALS

Modals of obligation, prohibition and necessity



INTRODUCTION:

must
Obligation: You **must** study tonight, we have an exam tomorrow.

mustn't
Prohibition: You **mustn't** smoke in public spaces. It's forbidden.

have to
Obligation: Doctors sometimes **have to** work on Sunday.

had to (past)
Obligation: She couldn't stay; she **had to** go home.

don't have to
No obligation: Teachers **don't have to** work on Sunday.

didn't have to (past)
No obligation: You **didn't have to** apologise; it wasn't necessary.

Complete the sentences with the words in the box:

mustn't - don't have to - must - has to - have to - didn't have to - had to

1. We _____ talk during the play.	5. Your video _____ be enterntaining if you want it to go viral.
2. I _____ return the book to the library.	6. She _____ to go to the bank yesterday because she needed cash.
3. You _____ have to come camping with us, but I think you would enjoy it.	7. You _____ buy bread. There's enough at home.
4. We _____ get up at 5 a.m. yesterday to go on the ski trip.	8. We _____ go to class last week because we went on a class trip.

Match the modal verb with its use:

1. You **mustn't** talk at the cinema.	A) It is a necessity
2. She **must/has to** do her homework.	B) It isn't obligatory
3. We **need to** buy milk.	C) It isn't necessary
4. You **don't need to** worry about Sally. She's fine.	D) It is prohibited
5. They **don't have to** get up early at the weekend,	E) It is obligatory

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