Obligation in the Past

We use " **had to** " or " **didn't have to** " to show obligation or lack of obligation in the past.

Modal	Positive	Negative	Interrogative (Question)
Have to	Had to	Didn't have to	Did + Subject + have to + base verb ?
	People had to use animals to travel in the past.	They didn't have to wear special uniform at work.	Did they have to get a degree to do that job?

- A few years ago , we didn't have to go to school on Fridays.
- People had to certain jobs to earn their living.
- Did they have to buy a new house when they moved to the city?
- I had to spend hours or days looking for information in different libraries before the Internet.
- Women had to stay at home doing chores and taking care of their children.
- Did you have to clean your room when you were a child?
- The teacher gave us extra time to submit the project, so we didn't have finish it yesterday.

Practice:

Choose the correct answer from a, b, c , or d:

1. Laila _____ dinner earlier to watch her favourite programme with her sister.

a. had cook

b. didn't cooked

c. had to cook

2. _____you _____apply for a job after you had graduated from university?

a. Did _____have to

b. Had ____to

c. Did _____ had to

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3. We _____ tickets before we go to the show. They were available there.

a. had to buy

b. didn't have to buy

c. hadn't buy

4. I _____ my father at the farm when I was young.

a. didn't had to help

b. not had to help

c. had to help

5. At the time of Covid 19 , everyone _____ a mask at public areas.

a. didn't had to wear

b. had to wear

c. wearing

6. There was no technology in the past and people _____too more work than they do now.

a. had to do

b. don't have to do

c. had do

7. It was raining heavily last night , so we _____at home.

a. didn't have to stay

b. had to stay

c. had stay

8. My car was working properly and I never complained about it , so I _____a new one.

a. had to buy

b. didn't have buy

c. didn't have to buy

9. _____Salem _____heavy clothes before he flew to London? It was freezing there.

a. Had _____buy

b. Did _____have to buy

c. Did _____had to buy

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10. We _____ a mechanic as our car broke down on our way to Ajman yesterday.

a. had to call

b. didn't have to called

c. had called

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