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OBLIGATION, PERMISSION, PROHIBITION AND NECESSITY (DIDN'T NEED TO VS NEEDN'T HAVE), AND ABILITY IN THE PAST

Exercise 1: Obligation, Permission & Prohibition (Multiple Choice)

Instructions: Read the sentences about technology rules and underline the correct option (a, b, or c).

Example: You _____ use your phone during the exam. It is strictly forbidden.

a) can | **b) mustn't** | c) don't have to

1. Students _____ use the school Wi-Fi for personal video games; it's blocked.
◦ a) can't | b) don't have to | c) allowed to
2. In my computer class, we _____ wear headphones if we want to listen to video tutorials.
◦ a) mustn't | b) can | c) shouldn't
3. You _____ buy a camera for this online course; the laptop's built-in webcam is enough.
◦ a) mustn't | b) can't | c) don't have to
4. Teenagers _____ ask for permission before purchasing apps on their parents' tablets.
◦ a) ought | b) have to | c) are allowed
5. At the library, you _____ put your phone on silent mode. It is a mandatory rule.
◦ a) must | b) can | c) don't have to
6. We _____ print the homework; the teacher accepts everything via Google Classroom.
◦ a) mustn't | b) need to | c) don't need to
7. Employees _____ share their work passwords with anyone. It is a serious security violation.
◦ a) mustn't | b) don't have to | c) need to
8. You _____ download that software; it is completely free and open-source.
◦ a) have to | b) don't have to | c) mustn't
9. Users _____ update their antivirus weekly to protect their devices from malware.
◦ a) can | b) should | c) don't need to
10. In this cybercafé, you _____ pay before using the computers. No cash upfront is required.
◦ a) mustn't | b) have to | c) don't have to

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Exercise 2: Past Necessity (Fill in the Blanks)

Instructions: Fill in the blanks using **didn't need to** or **needn't have** + the past participle of the verb in parentheses.

OPTIONS BOX (Grammar Rule):

- Use **didn't need to** + **verb** if the action wasn't necessary, so it wasn't done.
- Use **needn't have** + **past participle** if the action wasn't necessary, but it was done anyway.

Example: I **didn't need to buy** (buy) a charger because my phone came with one.

1. I _____ (print) the essay because the professor asked for it digitally. I wasted paper.
2. We _____ (hurry) to the cinema because the projector broke down and the movie started late.
3. She _____ (worry) about saving the document; the cloud automatically backed it up.
4. They _____ (buy) a new router because the technician fixed the old one before they went to the shop.
5. I _____ (wake up) early on Saturday, so I slept until noon.
6. He _____ (spend) so much money on that premium app; the free version does exactly the same.
7. You _____ (bring) your laptop to school today; the laboratory has plenty of available computers.
8. My brother _____ (call) the helpline because he found the solution in the FAQ section online.
9. We _____ (recharge) our power banks because the hotel had plenty of USB plugs.
10. She _____ (delete) her old photos; she realized she still had 50GB of free space left.

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Exercise 3: Ability in the Past (Word Order)

Instructions: Put the words in the correct order to form logical sentences expressing ability or achievement in the past.

OPTIONS BOX (Key Structures): could | was/were able to | managed to | succeeded in

Example: fix / computer / old / he / managed / to / his

Answer: He managed to fix his old computer.

- computer / code / I / write / when / was / could / seven / I

- website / to / they / create / their / own / managed

- recover / files / my / deleted / able / was / I / to

- password / in / guessing / she / succeeded / the

- connect / we / to / the / weren't / Wi-Fi / able

- repair / technician / the / system / to / managed / the

- couldn't / email / send / because / internet / the / was / down / I

- installing / software / they / in / updates / succeeded / new / the

- open / attachment / you / were / to / able / the?

- crash / data / save / before / the / managed / we / to / our

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Productive Skill Section (Writing/Speaking)

Instructions for the student: Answer the following questions in full sentences (30-50 words each).

- What is your favorite video game or smartphone app and why do you like it so much?



- Think about a time you had a problem with a device (phone, PC, console). How did you fix it?

