

I NEEDN'T HAVE BROUGHT my own snack. There was a coffee break.

Subject + needn't have + past participle verb (3rd column)

→ You ***didn't know*** something ***was unnecessary*** but ***you did it***.

I DIDN'T NEED TO BE VACCINATED. I had been vaccinated for yellow fever before.

Subject + didn't need to + bare infinitive verb

→ You ***knew*** something ***was unnecessary*** and you did it anyway or you didn't do it.

TASK 1: Match the clauses a-b and the sentences 1-2.

a. I needn't have returned... b. I didn't need to return...

1. _____ the book at the library today but since I was there, I did it anyway. Now I'll have the rest of the day off.
2. _____ the book at the library today because the due date is only tomorrow. Now I'll have to borrow it again to finish my paper.

a. I needn't have bought... b. I didn't need to buy...

1. _____ a new pair of socks because mum told me before I set off to the mall that she had already bought me one.
2. _____ a new pair of socks because my mum had already bought me one. Now I need to return it.

TASK 2: Complete the sentences with ***didn't need*** or ***needn't have*** plus the ***verbs in brackets***.

1. I _____ (GO) to work today but I went as I knew they were really busy on this new contract.
2. I _____ (TAKE) any money to the museum - I didn't realise it was free to enter.
3. Sheila _____ (GOT) a taxi to the party. I would have given her a lift in my car.
4. Oh Mike, you _____ (BUY) me anything for my birthday! A simple card would have been perfectly acceptable.
5. Today was the last day of school and we _____ (ATTEND) classes in the afternoon.
6. We went for a lovely walk in the woods yesterday. We took a huge picnic with us but there was a café there anyway. We _____ (TAKE) anything!
7. Our boss told us we had an extra three days to finish the project so we _____ (WORK) so hard.
8. You _____ (SAY) anything to Carla about the broken vase. She understood what had happened anyway.