

Must and mustn't

Must and mustn't are modal verbs. We use must and mustn't in rules and to give orders.

Subject	must / mustn't	Base form
You	must	wait here.
You	mustn't	be late.

We use **must** to talk about obligation. **Must** is similar to **have to**.

You must be there at nine o'clock.

You must write in black ink.

Mustn't is similar to **can't**.

You mustn't run in the school.

You mustn't bring your phone to school.

To ask about obligation we usually use **Do I have to ... ?**, not **Must I ... ?**

Do I have to be there at nine o'clock?

Do I have to write in black ink?

3 Look at the pictures. Circle the correct answer.

► You **must** / mustn't stop here.

1 You **must** / mustn't pay £5 to go in.

2 You **must** / mustn't run.

3 You **must** / mustn't swim here.

4 You **must** / mustn't be over 13 to go in.

5 You **must** / mustn't turn right.



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16.5 Listen. Do we pronounce the 't' in **must**? Then listen and repeat.

- You must arrive on time. **yes** / no
- 1 You must eat everything. yes / no
- 2 You must open the door. yes / no
- 3 You must learn these facts. yes / no
- 4 You must bring a hat. yes / no
- 5 You mustn't say that. yes / no
- 6 You mustn't argue. yes / no

16.6 Who is saying 1–8? Guess and match. Listen and check.

a sports teacher	f police officer
b parent	g doctor
c music teacher	h bus driver
d museum attendant	i science teacher
e dentist	

- You must have lights on your bike at night. **f**
- 1 You must tidy your bedroom. —
- 2 You must eat a lot of fruit and vegetables. —
- 3 You must try to run faster. —
- 4 You must listen to the beat. —
- 5 You must sit down when we're moving. —
- 6 You mustn't take photos in here. —
- 7 You mustn't touch these chemicals. —
- 8 You mustn't eat so much chocolate. —