

## 39 mustn't, don't have to / don't need to

You **mustn't be late** for the exam. You **don't have to / don't need to** wait for me.

- We use *don't have to*, *didn't have to*, *don't need to* and *didn't need to* to say that something is not or was not necessary: You **don't have to** wait for me. I'll come later.  
I **didn't need to** take a jacket – it was quite hot.

⚠ Must and have to are similar, but *mustn't* and *don't have to* are different.  
Compare: I **mustn't** go. (It's forbidden to go.) I **don't have to** go.  
(It isn't necessary for me to go. I can decide.)

### PRACTICE

#### 39a Match the sentence halves.

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- 0 You don't have to do
- 1 You don't have to train
- 2 You don't have to work
- 3 You don't have to pay
- 4 You don't need to drive
- 5 You don't need to buy
- 6 You don't need to have
- a in the morning if you don't want to.
- b the same thing every day.
- c your own uniform.
- d a car to work.
- e for your accommodation.
- f for a long time.
- g any experience.

b

- 3 Office workers *mustn't usually / don't usually have to* work at weekends.
- 4 Emma *didn't have to / doesn't need to* wait very long at the doctor's yesterday.
- 5 You *mustn't / don't have to* be late for the coach. It leaves at six.
- 6 We *mustn't / didn't need to* spend a lot on holiday. Everything was very cheap.

#### 39c Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 0 I ate a big lunch before I went, so I didn't need to eat there. (need to / eat)
- 1 We \_\_\_\_\_ any food. The fridge was already full. (need to / get)
- 2 Now he's retired from football, he \_\_\_\_\_ every day. (have to / train)
- 3 The flowers were lovely, but you \_\_\_\_\_ me anything! (need to / give)
- 4 You \_\_\_\_\_ smart clothes to the party. Jeans are fine. (have to / wear)
- 5 Lucie \_\_\_\_\_ to town. Her sister took her in the car. (have to / walk)
- 6 Why is Mary buying shoes again? She \_\_\_\_\_ any more! (need to / buy)
- 7 The house is in perfect condition. They \_\_\_\_\_ it. (need to / paint)
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ last night. We went out to eat. (have to / cook)

#### 39b Circle the correct answer.

- 0 You mustn't / *don't have to* say things like that. It's cruel.
- 1 Oh, it's only Monday. I *mustn't* / *don't need to* return my library books today.
- 2 When we were children, my brother *mustn't* / *didn't have to* do the washing up.