# must   mustn't   don't need to

**A**



It's a fantastic film.
You must see it.

must + *infinitive* (**must do / must work** etc.):

| I/we/you/they he/she/it | must | do go see eat   etc. |
|---|---|---|

**B**

**I must** (do something) = I need to do it:
- ⭕ I'm very hungry.  **I must eat** something.
- ⭕ It's a fantastic film.  You **must see** it.
- ⭕ The windows are very dirty.  We **must clean** them.

For the past (yesterday / last week etc.), we use **had to** ... (*not* must):
- ⭕ I was very hungry.  I **had to eat** something.  (*not* I must eat)
- ⭕ We **had to walk** home last night.  There were no buses.  (*not* We must walk)

**C**

**mustn't** (= must not)

**I mustn't** (do something) = it is necessary *not* to do it, it is the wrong thing to do:
- ⭕ I **must go**.  I **mustn't be** late.
- ⭕ I **mustn't forget** to phone Chris.
  (= I **must remember** to phone her)
- ⭕ Be happy!  You **mustn't be** sad.  (= don't be sad)
- ⭕ You **mustn't touch** the pictures.
  (= don't touch the pictures)

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**D**

**don't need to**

**I don't need** (to do something) = it is not necessary:
- ⭕ I **don't need to go** yet.  I can stay a little longer.
- ⭕ You **don't need to shout**.  I can hear you OK.

You can also say **don't have to** ... :
- ⭕ I **don't have to go** yet.  I can stay a little longer.

Compare **don't need to** and **mustn't**:
- ⭕ You **don't need to** go.  You can stay here if you want.
- ⭕ You **mustn't** go.  You must stay here.

# Exercises

Complete the sentences. Use **must** + these verbs:

> **be**    ~~eat~~    **go**    **learn**    **meet**    **wash**    **win**

1 I'm very hungry. I ___must eat___ something.
2 Marilyn is a very interesting person. You _____ her.
3 My hands are dirty. I _____ them.
4 You _____ to drive. It will be very useful.
5 I _____ shopping. I need to buy some food.
6 The game tomorrow is very important for us. We _____ .
7 You can't always have things immediately. You _____ patient.

## Write **I must** or **I had to.**

1 ___I had to___ walk home last night. There were no buses.
2 It's late. _____ go now.
3 I don't usually work on Saturdays, but last Saturday _____ work.
4 _____ get up early tomorrow. I have a lot to do.
5 I came here by train. The train was full and _____ stand all the way.
6 I was nearly late for my appointment this morning. _____ run to get there on time.
7 I forgot to phone David yesterday. _____ phone him later today.

Complete the sentences. Use **mustn't** or **don't need to** + these verbs:

> **forget**    ~~go~~    **lose**    **phone**    **rush**    **wait**

1 I ___don't need to go___ home yet. I can stay a little longer.
2 We have a lot of time. We _____ .
3 Keep these papers in a safe place. You _____ them.
4 I'm not ready yet, but you _____ for me. You can go now and I'll come later.
5 We _____ to turn off the lights before we leave.
6 I must contact David, but I _____ him – I can send him an email.

## Find the sentences with the same meaning.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 We can leave the meeting early. | A We must stay until the end. |
| 2 We must leave the meeting early. | B We couldn't stay until the end. |
| 3 We mustn't leave the meeting early. | C We can't stay until the end. |
| 4 We had to leave the meeting early. | D We can stay until the end. |
| 5 We don't need to leave the meeting early. | E We don't need to stay until the end. |

1 ___E___
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

## Write **must** / **mustn't** / **had to** / **don't need to.**

1 You ___don't need to___ go. You can stay here if you want.
2 It's a fantastic film. You ___must___ see it.
3 The restaurant won't be busy tonight. We _____ reserve a table.
4 I was very busy last week. I _____ work every evening.
5 I want to know what happened. You _____ tell me.
6 I don't want Sue to know what happened. You _____ tell her.
7 I _____ go now or I'll be late for my appointment.
8 'Why were you so late?' 'I _____ wait half an hour for a bus.'
9 We _____ decide now. We can decide later.
10 It's Lisa's birthday next week. I _____ forget to buy her a present.

# I have to …

**A**



> This is my medicine. I have to take it three times a day.

**I have to** do something = it is necessary for me to do it, I am obliged to do it

| I/we/you/they | have | to do<br>to work |
|---|---|---|
| he/she/it | has | to go<br>to wear etc. |

- ○ I'll be late for work tomorrow. I **have to go** to the dentist. 
- ○ Jane starts work at 7 o'clock, so she **has to get** up at 6.
- ○ You **have to pass** a test before you can get a driving licence.

**B**

The past (yesterday / last week etc.) is **had to** … :
- ○ I was late for work yesterday. I **had to go** to the dentist.
- ○ We **had to walk** home last night. There were no buses.

**C**

In questions and negatives we use **do/does** (present) and **did** (past):

*present*

| do | I/we/you/they | **have to … ?** |
|---|---|---|
| does | he/she/it | |

| I/we/you/they | **don't** | **have to …** |
|---|---|---|
| he/she/it | **doesn't** | |

*past*

| did | I/we/you/they<br>he/she/it | **have to … ?** |
|---|---|---|

| I/we/you/they<br>he/she/it | **didn't have to …** |
|---|---|

- ○ What time **do you have to go** to the dentist tomorrow?
- ○ **Does** Jane **have to work** on Sundays?
- ○ Why **did** they **have to leave** the party early?

**I don't have to** (do something) = it is not necessary to do it:
- ○ I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to get** up early.
- ○ Ian **doesn't have to work** very hard. He's got an easy job.
- ○ We **didn't have to wait** very long for the bus – it came in a few minutes.

**D**

**must** and **have to**

You can use **must** or **have to** when you say what *you* think is necessary, when you give *your* opinion:
- ○ It's a fantastic film. You **must** see it. *or* You **have to** see it.

When you are *not* giving your personal opinion, use **have to** (*not* **must**). Compare:
- ○ Jane won't be at work this afternoon. She **has to** go to the doctor.
  (this is not my personal opinion – it is a fact)
- ○ Jane isn't well. She doesn't want to go to the doctor, but I told her she **must** go.
  (this is my personal opinion)

# Exercises

Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **has to** + these verbs:

| do | hit | read | speak | travel | ~~wear~~ |

1 My eyes are not very good. I  *have to wear*  glasses.
2 At the end of the course all the students ................................... a test.
3 Sarah is studying literature. She ................................... a lot of books.
4 Albert doesn't understand much English. You ................................... very slowly to him.
5 Kate is often away from home. She ................................... a lot in her job.
6 In tennis you ................................... the ball over the net.

Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **had to** + these verbs:

| answer | buy | change | go | ~~walk~~ |

1 We  *had to walk*  home last night. There were no buses.
2 It's late. I ................................... now. I'll see you tomorrow.
3 I went to the supermarket after work yesterday. I ................................... some food.
4 This train doesn't go all the way to London. You ................................... at Bristol.
5 We did an exam yesterday. We ................................... six questions out of ten.

Complete the questions. Some are present and some are past.

| 1 | I have to get up early tomorrow. | What time *do you have to get up* | ? |
| 2 | George had to wait a long time. | How long ................................... | ? |
| 3 | Lisa has to go somewhere. | Where ................................... | ? |
| 4 | We had to pay a lot of money. | How much ................................... | ? |
| 5 | I have to do some work. | What exactly ................................... | ? |

Write sentences with **don't/doesn't/didn't have to ...** .

1 Why are you going out? You  *don't have to go out.*
2 Why is Sue waiting? She ...................................
3 Why did you get up early? You ...................................
4 Why is Paul working so hard? He ...................................
5 Why do you want to leave now? We ...................................

Which is correct? Sometimes **must** and **have to** are both correct. Sometimes only one is correct.

1 It's a fantastic film. You <u>must see</u> / <u>have to see</u> it.   (*both are correct*)
2 Jessica won't be at work this afternoon. She ~~<u>must go</u>~~ / <u>has to go</u> to the doctor.
   (<u>has to go</u> *is correct*)
3 You can't park your car here for nothing. You <u>must pay</u> / <u>have to pay</u>.
4 I didn't have any money with me last night, so I <u>must borrow</u> / <u>had to borrow</u> some.
5 I eat too much chocolate. I really <u>must stop</u> / <u>have to stop</u>.
6 Paul is in a hurry. He <u>must meet</u> / <u>has to meet</u> somebody in five minutes.
7 What's wrong? You <u>must tell</u> / <u>have to tell</u> me. I want to help you.

Write some things that you (or your friends or family) have to do or had to do.

1 (every day)  *I have to travel ten miles every day.*
2 (every day) ...................................
3 (yesterday) ...................................
4 (tomorrow) ...................................