SHOULD / HAVE TO / MUST = IN THE PAST

Modals in the present	Modals in the past
Should = advice You should study more.	**Should have + participle = advice** You should have studied more.
Must = obligation Students must wear a uniform.	**Had to = obligation** I had to wear a uniform when at school.
Must not = prohibition You must not smoke here.	**Didn't have to = lack of necessity** You didn't have to bring all your books today.
Have to = necessity I have to clean my house today.	**Had to = necessity** I had to clean my house yesterday.

PRACTICE

Choose the correct modal according to each situation:

01. Sally ..... her mother with the housework last weekend. (necessity)
HAD TO HELP

SHOULD HAVE HELPED

DIDN'T HAVE TO HELP

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02. You look terrible today. You ..... at John's party for so long. (advice)
SHOULDN'T HAVE STAYED

DIDN'T HAVE TO STAY

HAD TO STAY

03. The children ..... early this week. They had to classes. (lack of necessity)
HAD TO WAKE UP

SHOULD HAVE WOKEN UP

DIDN'T HAVE TO WAKE UP

04. I ..... today, as there was some leftover. (lack of necessity)
SHOULDN'T HAVE COOKED

DIDN'T HAVE TO COOK

HAD TO COOK

05. They ..... that in front of all of us. It was wrong. (advice)
DIDN'T HAVE TO DO

HAD TO DO

SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE

06. Mary and her friends ..... more if they want to get into med school. (necessity)

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HAD TO STUDY

DIDN'T HAVE TO STUDY

SHOULDN'T HAVE STUDIED

07. You ..... your parents where you were going to spend the night. (advice)
HAD TO TELL

SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD

SHOULD HAVE TOLD

08. Bob ..... a new job as soon as he lost his last one. (obligation)
HAD TO FIND

SHOULD HAVE FOUND

DIDN'T HAVE TO FIND

09. My sister ..... a new dress because I gave her one on her birthday. (not necessarily)
SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT

DIDN'T HAVE TO BUY

DOESN'T HAVE TO BUY

10. I ..... twice before buying this old car. (advice)
HAD TO THINK

LIVEWORKSHEETS

SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT

DIDN'T HAVE TO THINK

LIVEWORKSHEETS