

must and have to

1 must / have to

There is often a difference between *must* and *have to*. With *must*, the idea of obligation comes from the speaker's own feelings.

I **must** get my hair cut – I think it's too long.

With *have to*, the idea of obligation comes from outside the speaker.

I **have to** get up early tomorrow – my boss wants me to be at work by 7.00.

5 Match the sentences in each pair with their explanations.

- 1 ☐ I must have a drink of water.
☐ I have to drink more water.

- a The doctor told me to.
b I feel thirsty.

- 2 ☐ I must tidy my room.
☐ I have to tidy my room.

- a I hate it when it's so messy.
b Mum says I can't go out until I do.

- 3 ☐ We must go to Amsterdam some time.
☐ We have to go to Amsterdam next week.

- a I've heard it's really nice.
b I'd rather not – I don't want another work trip!

- 4 ☐ I must go round to Rick's today.
☐ I have to go round to Rick's today.

- a Lisa's given me an important parcel for him.
b I haven't seen him for ages.

- 5 ☐ We must have lunch soon.
☐ We have to have lunch with the boss today.

- a How about next Wednesday?
b I'm not looking forward to it.

Obligation in situations

6 Complete the sentences with *must* / *mustn't*, *have to* / *had to*, or *don't have to* / *didn't have to*.



- a You _____ be home by 11.00.
b Bye! Dad says I _____ be home by 11.00.



- a We _____ visit Jo this afternoon and see her new baby.
b Sorry we're late. We _____ wait ages for a bus.



- a You _____ talk during the exam.
b We've passed! And we _____ take a maths exam ever again!



- a My hair looks awful! I _____ wash it tonight.
b I _____ wash all these pans.



- a We _____ take Gina some flowers.
b You _____ bring flowers! But thank you!



- a You _____ draw if you don't want to.
b You _____ draw on the nursery walls!

should for advice

- 7 Read the sentences. Give advice using **should** / **shouldn't** and an idea from the box.

get a cat drink so much coffee
see an accountant take up a new hobby
~~let him play~~

- My son wants to play computer games all day.
You shouldn't let him play for longer than two hours.
- I'm lonely and I hate coming home to an empty house.
You _____.
- I've no idea how to work out my tax now that I'm self-employed.
You _____.
- I'm having trouble getting to sleep at the moment.
You _____ before you go to bed.
- Since he retired, my father doesn't know what to do with himself.
He _____.

- 8 Complete the questions with **do you think I should ...?** and a verb from the box.

see ~~send it back~~ say take order

- This laptop I bought online gets very hot sometimes.
Do you think I should send it back?
- I've been offered similar jobs in Madrid and Rome. Which job _____?
- Sven, I'm going to Stockholm next week.
What _____ while I'm there?
- Both the fish and the chicken dishes on the menu look great. Which one _____?
- My uncle's invited me to the opera, but I don't really want to go. What _____?

Permission and ability

can and be allowed to

- 9 Match these sentences with the people who say them.

A flight attendant	1 'You can't park here. I'll have to give you a parking ticket.'	☒ D
B prisoner	2 'I'm sorry, you're not allowed to take bottles of water through security.'	☐
C museum attendant	3 'Shh. You can't talk in here. People are studying.'	☐
D traffic warden	4 'You can use mobile phones and other devices as long as they're in flight mode.'	☐
E swimming pool attendant	5 'We're allowed to make one phone call a week, and we can go to the exercise yard, but we spend most of the day in our cells.'	☐
F airport security officer	6 'You can take photographs of the exhibits, but you aren't allowed to use a flash.'	☐
G librarian	7 'You aren't allowed to jump into the pool, but you can dive from the board in the deep end.'	☐

5.1 Listen and check.

Rules around the world

- 10 Choose the correct modal verb in these rules and laws from around the world.

- You're *not allowed to* / *don't have to* buy or sell chewing gum in Singapore.
- On Canadian state radio, 50% of pop songs played *can* / *must* be sung by a Canadian.
- In Saudi Arabia, a girl *mustn't* / *doesn't have to be* of any particular age to get married.
- In France, you're *allowed to* / *mustn't* marry a dead person.
- You *can* / *mustn't* forget your wife's birthday in Samoa – it's illegal.
- By law, dog owners in Turin, Italy, *are allowed to* / *have to* walk their dogs three times a day.
- In Alabama, in the US, you *mustn't* / *have to* carry an ice cream in your back pocket.
- You *can* / *don't have to* drive as fast as you like on a German motorway.

5.2 Listen and check/compare.

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