

MODAL VERBS: REVISION

Must / Mustn't vs Have to / Don't Have To

A. Make the following sentences negative.

1. You must leave this room. _____
2. He has to stay longer. _____
3. They had to make a noise. _____
4. You have to read this book. _____
5. They have to sell our house. _____
6. He must take it away. _____
7. He said you had to listen to them. _____
8. You must begin before 5 o'clock. _____

B. Change these sentences into the interrogative.

1. She has someone living with her. _____
2. She had a shock when she heard the news. _____
3. The judge had pity on them. _____
4. He usually has a lot of difficulty in reading her writing. _____
5. She had a letter from her boyfriend yesterday. _____
6. February has thirty days. _____
7. He had a good reason for what he did. _____
8. Mrs Smith had a baby in the hospital last week. _____

C. The following sentences show prohibition or no obligation. Change them into obligation (that is, make them affirmative).

1. You mustn't stay here alone. _____
2. He doesn't have to leave the house tomorrow. _____
3. You mustn't eat this without salt. _____
4. They don't have to come again. _____
5. He said he didn't have to tell them your name. _____
6. They didn't have to open the classroom windows. _____
7. She mustn't go home alone. _____
8. He says you don't have to write another letter. _____
9. You don't have to call me every day. _____
10. I mustn't buy a new pair of shoes. _____

D. Choose the correct modal verb to complete the sentence. Make sure to put the verb in the correct tense (PAST or PRESENT).

MUST / HAVE TO

CAN'T / MUSTN'T

CAN / BE ABLE TO

DON'T HAVE TO

- 1) She _____ finish the essay yesterday because her teacher asked her to do so.
- 2) You _____ come back in the afternoon. All classes have been cancelled.
- 3) You _____ take a break! You've been studying too long.
- 4) _____ you speak Spanish when you were 8?
- 5) You _____ tip a taxi driver, it's optional.
- 6) My brother David is very talented. He _____ hold his breath for 3 minutes. It's amazing!
- 7) The teacher yelled at me yesterday. She said, "Sally! You _____ do all of your homework or you will fail this semester of school!"
- 8) You _____ be late for the exam tomorrow! It's very important for your educational future.
- 9) "Phoebe, you _____ accompany me to the party yesterday. I know you don't like social gatherings, but it was very nice that you decided to go."
- 10) Peter _____ ride a bike when he was only 3 years old.
- 11) We _____ play video games after school for more than an hour when I was a child. My mother always thought that it could made us intellectually stupider.
- 12) My father told me that I _____ go to the movie theatre with you tomorrow night.

E. Circle the correct modal verb that means the same as the first sentence.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are forbidden to leave our car here.
We don't have to / mustn't leave our car here. 2. I recommend this book to you. It's fantastic.
You have to / can read this book. It's amazing! 3. I was very good at art when I was younger.
I could / had to paint very well when I was little. 4. Diving isn't possible in the pool. It's too shallow. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. You mustn't / aren't able to dive in the pool. 6. It's not necessary to come to work tomorrow but you can come for overtime if you want.
You don't have to / mustn't come to work tomorrow but we'll pay you overtime if you want. 7. Is it OK if I turn on the television?
Can / Must I turn on the television? |
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F. Complete the chart with the correct uses of the modal verbs and the correct past tense forms.

Present Tense	Use	Past Tense
Must / Have to		
Can't / Mustn't		
Can	Permission	Could
Be able to		
Don't have to		