

2.3 Grammar

had to, could

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- 1 Complete the sentences with *had to* or *didn't have to* and the verbs in brackets.

Last year ...



Pops, Eva and Mac went to the Amazon ...

- They had to pack (pack) the right clothes and equipment.
- They took a train to the airport so they _____ (go) by taxi.
- In the Amazon, they _____ (travel) by canoe because there weren't any roads.
- They knew the area well, so they _____ (take) a guide with them.
- They _____ (sleep) in tents. They slept in a cabin – a small, wooden house.
- They _____ (lock) the door of the cabin at night because the jungle is a scary place!

- 2 Complete the questions with *have to* and then complete the short answers.

Reporter: Pops, tell me about life on your parents' farm. ¹Did you have to get up (get up) early in the morning?

Pops: Yes, ²_____. School started at eight and it was five kilometres away.

Reporter: ³_____ (your mum / drive) you there?

Pops: No, ⁴_____. I went on foot.

Reporter: ⁵_____ (you / work) on the farm?

Pops: Yes, ⁶_____. We had a lot of animals.

Reporter: ⁷_____ (you / feed) them before school?

Pops: No, ⁸_____, but I had to feed them in the afternoon.

Reporter: Were you happy? Was your life hard?

Pops: Yes, it was, but it was a good life.

- 3 Look at the table. What could or couldn't Greg and Lou do when they were eight years old? Write questions and answers. Then write about you.

	Greg	Lou
speak French	✓	✗
draw well	✗	✗
ride a bike	✗	✓
make biscuits	✗	✓
climb trees	✓	✓

- 1 Greg / speak French?

A: Could Greg speak French?

B: Yes, he could.

- 2 Greg and Lou / draw well?

A: _____

B: _____

- 3 Lou / ride a bike?

A: _____

B: _____

- 4 Greg / make biscuits?

A: _____

B: _____

- 5 Lou and Greg / climb trees?

A: _____

B: _____

- 6 When I was eight years old, I _____

- * 4 Complete the dialogue. Use one word in each gap.

A: How did you get lost?

B: We went for a walk in the mountains, but it got dark and we ¹couldn't see. We didn't have any food with us, so we ²_____ to eat berries.

A: What about mushrooms?

B: We ³_____ eat mushrooms! Some mushrooms are dangerous!

A: What did you drink?

B: There was a river. The water was clean, so we ⁴_____ drink it.

A: Did you ⁵_____ to sleep under the stars?

B: Yes, we ⁶_____, and it was very cold at night. Then the next day, a man found us and took us to his village. Luckily, we ⁷_____ have to walk far. The village was only a kilometre away!

