

You ¹ don't have to (not) go to college, but you
² have to do a special course. The good thing is you
³ _____ (not) pay very much for the course.
But it's a lot of work. A referee ⁴ _____ know
everything about the laws of the game. That means
you ⁵ _____ learn 130 pages of rules. When
I did my course eight years ago, we ⁶ _____
do practical and written exams. I'll never forget my
first practical exam. I ⁷ _____ (not) referee
for 90 minutes, only the first half of a match. I was
terrified because I ⁸ _____ give a player a red
card after only five minutes. He wasn't happy about
it! But dealing with angry footballers is something a
referee ⁹ _____ learn very quickly. A referee
¹⁰ _____ (not) be super-fit like a footballer,
but he ¹¹ _____ run for 90 minutes and he
¹² _____ practise running backwards. That's
really difficult! I love my job, but people never remember
the good decisions I make, only the bad ones.