

# MODAL VERBS

## SHOULD/SHOULDN'T



To give and ask for advice and recommendations.

**Affirmative:**

- You should drink plenty of water every day.

**Negative:**

- You shouldn't eat too much junk food.

**Question Form:**

- Should I go to the doctor if I feel unwell?

**Short Answer:** Yes, you should.

## HAVE TO/DON'T HAVE TO



For obligation, necessity or the lack of it.

**Affirmative:**

- You have to brush your teeth twice a day.

**Negative:**

- You don't have to eat all your food if you are full.

**Question Form:**

- Do I have to take medicine if I have a headache?

**Short Answer:** No, you don't have to.

## MUST/MUSTN'T



Strong obligation or necessity

**Affirmative:** **Negative form: Prohibition.**

- You must wear a seatbelt while driving.

**Negative:**

- You mustn't smoke in this area.

**Question Form:**

- Must I finish this assignment by tomorrow?

**Short Answer:** Yes, you must.



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**Fill in the gaps with "should/shouldn't," "have/don't have to," or "must/mustn't":**

- a) You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke cigarettes if you want to stay healthy.
- b) Doctor Mike says we \_\_\_\_\_ at least 30 minutes of exercise every day.
- c) If you have a fever, you \_\_\_\_\_ go to work. It's important to rest.
- d) You \_\_\_\_\_ eat too much junk food. It's not good for your health.
- e) According to Doctor Mike, we \_\_\_\_\_ our hands regularly to prevent the spread of germs.
- f) If you're feeling unwell, you \_\_\_\_\_ push yourself too hard. Take it easy and rest.
- g) You \_\_\_\_\_ worry too much about minor ailments. They usually go away on their own.
- h) If you're allergic to peanuts, you \_\_\_\_\_ eat foods that contain them.
- i) Doctor Mike recommends that we \_\_\_\_\_ enough sleep each night to maintain our health.
- j) If you have a cut, you \_\_\_\_\_ keep it clean and covered to prevent infection.

**Choose and write the correct form**

- 1. If you're feeling unwell, you \_\_\_\_\_ go to bed early. (should/shouldn't)
- 2. You \_\_\_\_\_ drink too much coffee before bedtime; it might keep you awake. (should/shouldn't)
- 3. In a job interview, you \_\_\_\_\_ arrive on time to make a good impression. (must/mustn't)
- 4. Students \_\_\_\_\_ forget to review their notes before the exam. (must/mustn't)
- 5. If you have a fever, you \_\_\_\_\_ push yourself too hard. (must/mustn't)
- 6. You \_\_\_\_\_ worry about the upcoming test; you've studied enough. (don't have to/have to)
- 7. If you're not hungry, you \_\_\_\_\_ finish your plate. (don't have to/have to)
- 8. Children \_\_\_\_\_ be accompanied by an adult in the swimming pool. (must/mustn't)
- 9. You \_\_\_\_\_ forget to wear sunscreen when spending a day at the beach. (should/shouldn't)
- 10. If you're not sure about the answer, you \_\_\_\_\_ guess; it's better to leave it blank. (should/shouldn't)