95 Obligation

SCHOOL RULES

When I was at school in the 1950s, we **had to** wear a uniform, which we hated. We **weren't allowed to** talk to the girls at the school next to ours, but, of course, nobody **obeyed** that rule. Smoking was **banned** everywhere. The teachers **made us** work very hard, and we **were forced to** stay after school some evenings to do several hours' homework. The **punishments** were terrible. One day, I was **behaving** badly in class and the teacher got very angry. I knew I **ought to** apologize but I didn't, so I was **punished**: he hit me with a stick. I've had a problem with people in positions of **authority** since then. I think teachers have an **obligation** to protect children, not hit them.



GLOSSARY

have to do sth	used for saying that sb must do sth, or that sth must happen ALSO **have got to do sth** **Have got to do sth** is more informal. It doesn't have its own past tense forms. It uses the same form as **have to do sth** does, i.e. **had to** (NOT ~~had got to~~).	**make sb do sth**	tell sb that they must do sth which they do not want to do SYN **force sb to do sth**
allow sb to do sth	(often passive) tell sb that they can do sth	**punishment**	the act of making sb suffer for sth they have done wrong **punish** *v*
obey	do what you are told to do: ***obey the rules*** OPP **disobey**	**behave**	do things in a certain way **behaviour** *n*
ban	(often passive) say officially that sth is not allowed	**ought to do sth**	used for saying what is the right thing to do SYN **should do sth**
		authority	the power to give orders to other people
		obligation	sth you must do because you have promised, or because of a law or rule

1 Cross out one word.

▶ Will the government ban ~~to~~ fast food?

1 Did she force to you to eat it?
2 They made us to sit there for an hour.
3 I wasn't be allowed to eat anything.
4 Did he always obey with the rules?
5 She punished to me because I was late.
6 They've have got to go out later.
7 You should ought to write and thank him.
8 He didn't have got to do the exercise.

2 Rewrite the sentences using the words in capitals. The meaning must remain the same.

▶ You must go this evening. HAVE GOT TO You've got to go this evening.

1 He behaved badly. BEHAVIOUR .....
2 They made us do it. FORCE .....
3 You can't smoke in here. ALLOW .....
4 You should see a doctor. OUGHT .....
5 He does what the teacher tells him to do. OBEY .....
6 How did they punish you? PUNISHMENT .....
7 You can't take bottles inside the stadium. BAN .....
8 You have to protect all students. OBLIGATION .....

3 Complete the questions with a suitable word. ABOUT YOU

When you were at school at the age of 14,

▶ did you have to buy your own books? .....
1 were girls ..... to wear make-up? .....
2 did the teachers ..... you do lots of homework? .....
3 what happened if you ..... the rules? .....
4 did you always respect the ..... of your teachers? .....
5 what did teachers ..... you to do that you didn't like? .....
6 did children ..... better or worse than nowadays? .....

4 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers to Exercise 3, or ask another student.**

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS