

GRAMMAR

had to, didn't have to, couldn't

1  Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- 1** We **couldn't / had to / didn't have to** drink milk every morning at school and I hated it!
- 2** I loved playing outside in the rain but we **couldn't / had to / didn't have to** do that at school.
- 3** You **couldn't / had to / didn't have to** help me but I'm happy you did!
- 4** Schoolchildren of the past **couldn't / had to / didn't have to** have a computer to do their work.
- 5** Children **couldn't / had to / didn't have to** talk when the head teacher was in the room.
- 6** I **couldn't / had to / didn't have to** get up early this morning and I'm really tired now!

2 Use the prompts to write sentences with *have to, had to, didn't have to* and *couldn't*.

- 1** I / stay late at work / yesterday. It was great!
- 2** We / use the road / this morning. It was closed.
- 3** You / take the bus / yesterday? Or was your car fixed?
- 4** My brother / go to school / today. The heating was broken.
- 5** We / have our weekly team meeting / today. Our manager was not well.
- 6** Sandro / answer my messages / today. He lost his phone.
- 7** Alison / work / last week? Or was she on holiday?
- 8** I / wear / a shirt and jacket at school. It was a school rule.
- 9** Why / you / work today? I thought you were sick.
- 10** We / get / a table at the restaurant. It was really busy.