

Talking About Needs (Need To + a Verb / Need + a Noun)

LEAD IN. Read the sentences **a** and **b** below. Can you **spot the difference** between the sentences?

- a. They **need** a drink.
- b. They **need** to buy a drink.

COMPLETE THE RULE. Study the sentences **a** and **b** from the **LEAD IN** activity and **choose the correct option** to complete the rule below.

LEARN THIS! need to / need

1. We use the word «**need**» to talk about something we want very much or that is very important to us.
2. The word «need» is used with «to» / without «to» when **a noun** follows it:

Example: They **need** a drink.

He **needs** some tea.

3. The word «need» is used with «to» / without «to» when **a verb** follows it:

Example: They **need to** buy a drink.

He **needs to** make some tea.

Talking About Needs (Training)

ACTIVITY 6. Read the sentences and **choose** the correct option to complete the gaps.

Example:

1. We want to find our friend's street. We **need a / need to** map.
2. He's eighty and can't climb the stairs. He **needs / needs to** use the lift.

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3. She wants to write her address on the letter. She **needs a / needs to** pen.
4. You want to carry your books and pencils to school. You **need a / need to** backpack.
5. I want to take a photo of my bedroom. I **need a / need to** camera.
6. They want to move house. They **need a / need to** lorry. It takes their beds and cupboards to their new home.
7. He wants to play his new computer game. He **needs / needs to** his laptop.
8. She wants to go to the basement. She **needs a / needs to** walk downstairs.

Speaking (Talking About Needs)

ACTIVITY 7. Work in pairs. Take turns to **choose a reason** (1-8) from **ACTIVITY 6** and make a **first-person** sentence. Your partner **responds** using «**need**» or «**need to**». Your **answers** from **ACTIVITY 6** may help you **to make a respond**.

Example: We **want** to find our friend's street.

I **want** to find my friend's street.

You **need** a map.

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You **need to** / **need** ...