

GRAMMAR STANDARD

Mustn't and Don't Have To

Remember! *Must* and *have to* are very similar, but *mustn't* and *don't have to* have different meanings. See page 115 for more information about *mustn't* and *don't have to*.

Mustn't means you need to not do something (don't do it!).

You mustn't talk in the library.

Don't have to means that you don't need to do something (but if you want to, you can).

I don't have to wear glasses. (I can wear them, but they aren't necessary).

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

didn't have to	Do I have to	don't have to	had to
must	mustn't	mustn't	

- You mustn't play video games in class so please turn your phone off.
- We _____ go to our dance class yesterday because our teacher was ill.
- _____ finish my homework today?
- You _____ follow the rules.
- You _____ play cricket if you don't want to.
- John _____ stop skiing after his accident last month.
- You _____ go swimming after a big meal.

2 Circle the correct options.

- I had to / *must* miss the cricket match yesterday because I was sick.
- You *mustn't* / *don't have to* take part if you don't want to.
- Do we have to* / *Must we* go fishing with Dad again?!
- You *don't have to* / *mustn't* run on to the pitch during the game.
- Jack really *must* / *have to* practise if he wants to win the tournament.
- I was so pleased that I *mustn't* / *didn't have to* play badminton yesterday.
- We really *must* / *have* get fit!

3 Rewrite the sentences and question with the same meaning. Use the verb in brackets in the correct form.

- It was necessary for me to help my sister yesterday.
I had to help my sister yesterday. (have to)
- It isn't necessary for her to go to the fitness class this evening.
_____. (not have to)

- Don't leave your dirty trainers on the stairs.
_____. (must not)
- Write your name on every sheet of paper.
_____. (must)
- Is it necessary for them to buy all the equipment?
_____? (have to)
- It was necessary for us to have extra diving lessons last term.
_____. (have to)
- It isn't necessary for Alex to take part in the golf tournament.
_____ (not have to)

4 Correct the underlined mistakes in the sentences.

- You don't must forget to bring some water to the fitness class. mustn't
- You don't have to sleep late tomorrow. You've got a cricket match. _____
- We mustn't go shopping today. We can go tomorrow. _____
- The house is clean. You haven't to clean it. _____
- They must to wear trainers for the badminton class. _____
- I did my homework yesterday so I mustn't study today. _____
- When we were children we must travel a long way to school. _____

5 Circle the correct option, A, B or C to complete Martina's text.

Last year I ¹ _____ to change schools because my parents moved to a new town. At first I ² _____ really sad to leave but now it's OK because I have really nice classmates. At the moment we're studying ³ _____ for our exams so we ⁴ _____ to focus. I'm happy because it means I ⁵ _____ have to do any sport! This weekend I ⁶ _____ to my friend's house so we can study together. I know it's strange but I concentrate more ⁷ _____ when I'm with someone.

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| 1 A had | B have | C must |
| 2 A were | B was | C am |
| 3 A harder | B hardly | C hard |
| 4 A must | B have | C had |
| 5 A don't | B didn't | C mustn't |
| 6 A go | B went | C 'm going |
| 7 A easy | B Easier | C easily |