

MODALS OF OBLIGATION

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with **MUST** or **HAVE TO**.

1. I _____ remember to e-mail Steve and thank him for his help.
2. Sorry, I _____ go now, the meeting begins in five minutes.
3. You _____ fill in your tax form by 31 January.
4. You _____ try to be more diplomatic when you're speaking to Tim.
5. I _____ go to the dentist next Friday morning, so I'll be a little late.
6. I really _____ go to the dentist. I've had this awful pain for two days.

Exercise 2. Choose the most appropriate word or phrase in *italics* to complete each sentence.

1. Passengers *mustn't / don't have to* smoke anywhere on the aircraft.
2. All personnel *should / must* wear their badge while in the building.
3. The visitor's *don't have to / mustn't* enter the radioactive zone unless authorized.
4. My boss *doesn't have to / shouldn't* travel so much - he is looking ill.
5. Monday is a public holiday. I *mustn't / don't have to* work.
6. You *don't have to / mustn't* touch that, it will give you an electric shock.
7. You *have to / should* try this new search engine, it's much quicker.
8. We generally *have to / must* be at work before 9.30 a.m.
9. You *have to / must* go to this website I've found - it's really good.
10. You *should / don't have to* buy your new laptop in this shop. They're selling last year's models very cheaply.
11. The seller *don't have to / shouldn't* sell any products that are poor quality.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with **SHOULD**, **SHOULDN'T**, **MUST**, **MUSTN'T** or **DON'T HAVE TO**, **HAVE TO**.

1. If you want my advice, you _____ have a big meal before a meeting. It will make you feel sleepy.
2. You _____ use your mobile phone in the plane. The flight attendants are very strict about this.
3. You _____ respect the speed limit at all times, otherwise your license will be taken away.
4. We _____ work next Monday because it's a public holiday.

5. If you plan to do business in a foreign country, you _____ learn some of the language.
That's always greatly appreciated wherever you go.
6. If you _____ refuse an invitation to dinner, make sure you have a valid excuse.

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences below using appropriate modal from the box. Note: Some modals should be used more than once.

must	don't have to	mustn't	have to	should
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1.	Visitors _____ register with the police within one week of arriving. Anyone who does not can be fined \$1,000.
2.	It is very difficult to find somewhere to live. You will probably _____ live in a hotel for the first few weeks while you find somewhere.
3.	UK citizens _____ register at the British Consulate but doing so will help the consul to help if you get in trouble.
4.	You _____ carry your passport with you at all times. The police carry out frequent spot checks.
5.	Visitors and residents _____ go near military installations, especially when carrying a camera. You _____ photograph military aircrafts or warships.
6.	You _____ be very careful when driving. The roads are extremely dangerous.
7.	You _____ learn some common expressions in the local language. Very few people outside the capital speak English.