

must, don't have to, mustn't

Obligation, no need and prohibition

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

English

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Obligation, no need and prohibition

Must plus base verb expresses a strong obligation: **I must call the surgery.** It has the same form for all subjects and has no **to** before the next verb.

Have to is another common obligation pattern: **I have to work, she has to work.** Its questions and negatives use **do/does**: **Do you have to work?, I don't have to work.**

Distinguish **don't have to** (there is no need) from **mustn't** (it is forbidden). **You don't have to come** leaves a choice; **You mustn't park here** forbids parking.

Form	Example	Meaning
call	I must call the surgery.	Express a strong need to call.
has	She has to work.	Express her obligation.
to	Do you have to work?	Ask about an obligation.
don't have to	You don't have to come today.	Say coming is not necessary.
mustn't	You mustn't park here.	Say parking here is forbidden.
have	I have to rest.	Express your need to rest.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 I must call the surgery.

Meaning: Express a strong need to call.

- 2 She has to work.

Meaning: Express her obligation.

- 3 Do you have to work?

Meaning: Ask about an obligation.

- 4 You don't have to come today.

Meaning: Say coming is not necessary.

- 5 You mustn't park here.

Meaning: Say parking here is forbidden.

- 6 I have to rest.

Meaning: Express your need to rest.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 I must _____ the surgery.

- ☐ A call
- ☐ B calls
- ☐ C to call

Meaning: Express a strong need to call.

- 2 She _____ to work.

- ☐ A having
- ☐ B has
- ☐ C have

Meaning: Express her obligation.

3 Do you have _____ work?

- ☐ A for
- ☐ B at
- ☐ C to

Meaning: Ask about an obligation.

4 You _____ come today.

- ☐ A must
- ☐ B mustn't
- ☐ C don't have to

Meaning: Say coming is not necessary.

5 You _____ park here.

- ☐ A don't have to
- ☐ B can
- ☐ C mustn't

Meaning: Say parking here is forbidden.

6 I _____ to rest.

- ☐ (A) has
- ☐ (B) having
- ☐ (C) have

Meaning: Express your need to rest.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

call to call

I must _____ the surgery.

Meaning: Express a strong need to call.

has have

She _____ to work.

Meaning: Express her obligation.

to for

Do you have _____ work?

Meaning: Ask about an obligation.

don't have to mustn't

You _____ come today.

Meaning: Say coming is not necessary.

mustn't don't have to

You _____ park here.

Meaning: Say parking here is forbidden.

have has

I _____ to rest.

Meaning: Express your need to rest.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 must I the surgery. call

Meaning: Express a strong need to call.

2 has work. to She

Meaning: Express her obligation.

3 Do you to work? have

Meaning: Ask about an obligation.

4 don't have come to You today.

Meaning: Say coming is not necessary.

5 mustn't here. You park

Meaning: Say parking here is forbidden.

6 to rest. have I

Meaning: Express your need to rest.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Express a strong need to call. You say:

- ☐ A I must call the surgery.
- ☐ B I must to call the surgery.

2 Express her obligation. You say:

- ☐ A She has to work.
- ☐ B She have to work.

3 Ask about an obligation. You say:

- ☐ A Do you have to work?
- ☐ B Do you have for work?

4 Say coming is not necessary. You say:

- ☐ A You don't have to come today.
- ☐ B You mustn't come today.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① She has to work. | ① A Say coming is not necessary. |
| ② You mustn't park here. | ② B Express her obligation. |
| ③ I must call the surgery. | ③ C Express your need to rest. |
| ④ I have to rest. | ④ D Ask about an obligation. |
| ⑤ You don't have to come today. | ⑤ E Express a strong need to call. |
| ⑥ Do you have to work? | ⑥ F Say parking here is forbidden. |