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#### Use

We use *must* to talk about a personal feeling of obligation to do something.

*I **must** remember to post the letter today.*

*You **must** phone your grandmother tonight.*

We use *have to* to talk about an obligation that is a fact, or a rule or law.

*You **have to** be sixteen before you can leave school.*

*We **have to** revise for our exams next week.*

We use *don't have to/doesn't have to* to talk about something that is not an obligation.

*You **don't have to** do any homework tonight.*

We use *mustn't* to say that something is prohibited.

*You **mustn't** smoke in this area.*

We use *had to* to talk about a past obligation.

*We **had to** get up at five o'clock this morning.*

#### Form

*must / mustn't + infinitive*

*I **must** phone Sarah tonight.*

*have to / don't have to / doesn't have to + infinitive*

*We **don't have to** get up early tomorrow.*

*had to + infinitive*

*John **had to** help his mother yesterday.*

### 1 Complete the sentences with *must* or *have to/has to*.

I **must** remember to buy some new shampoo tomorrow.

We **have to** arrive at school before 8.30 every morning.

- In my country you ..... be sixteen before you can get married. It's the law.
- I ..... send an email to Cathy tonight. I haven't been in touch with her for ages.
- You ..... help your brother with his homework. He's having real problems.
- All the students at my friend's school ..... wear a uniform.
- In Britain, everybody ..... drive on the right-hand side of the road.
- We ..... buy a present for Dad. It's his birthday next week.

### 2 Complete the sentences with *mustn't* or *don't have to / doesn't have to*.

- You ..... bring an umbrella. It isn't raining.
- Rachel ..... forget to water the plants while her parents are on holiday.
- We ..... go to school tomorrow. It's a national holiday.
- He ..... bring his CD player to the party. We've already got one.
- You ..... ride a motorbike without wearing a helmet.
- 'I'm flying to Seville tomorrow.' 'You ..... forget your passport this time!'
- They ..... meet us at the airport. We're going to get a taxi into town.
- You ..... talk during the exam.

### 3 Choose the correct words.

When The Face Model Agency offered fifteen-year-old Julie Willis a job, it was a dream come true. However, once she started work, Julie found she had no time for school. Finally she decided she <sup>1</sup> **had to / mustn't** leave. Many people criticized her decision.

'It was a difficult thing to do,' says Julie. 'And I miss all my friends. But I <sup>2</sup> **had to / must** make a choice. Although I <sup>3</sup> **don't have to / mustn't** go to school, I still <sup>4</sup> **have to / mustn't** study. I have a private tutor now. My parents told me I <sup>5</sup> **don't have to / have to** take some exams.'

'Most models retire young,' adds Julie's mother. 'So Julie <sup>6</sup> **mustn't / doesn't have to** forget that she needs qualifications for her next job.'

But at the moment Julie isn't worried about the future. 'Next week I <sup>7</sup> **have to / mustn't** go to New York for a photoshoot,' she says. 'I still can't believe my luck!'

## ANSWER KEY

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- 11 have to      4 have to  
2 must      5 has to  
3 must      6 must

- 21 don't have to  
2 mustn't  
3 don't have to  
4 doesn't have to  
5 mustn't  
6 mustn't  
7 don't have to  
8 mustn't

- 31 had to      5 have to  
2 had to      6 mustn't  
3 don't have to      7 have to  
4 have to