



Mini Lesson 071 - Using 'Need to' and 'Have to' for Necessity

Both 'need to' and 'have to' express necessity, but they can have slightly different meanings. Understanding when to use each one can help you communicate more effectively.

'Need to' often suggests a personal necessity or something you feel is required for your own reasons. It can involve your feelings, desires, or opinions.

- Example: I need to study for my test because I want to pass.

'Have to' usually indicates an obligation or something required by external circumstances, rules, or someone else's authority.

- Example: I have to finish my homework because it's due tomorrow.

When to use each term:

- Use 'need to' for personal necessity:

- Example: I need to eat lunch to feel better.

- Use 'have to' for external obligation:

- Example: I have to go to school every day.





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using either 'need to' or 'have to' based on the context.

1. I _____ (need to/have to) finish this project for school.
2. She _____ (need to/have to) go to the doctor because she's feeling unwell.
3. We _____ (need to/have to) buy groceries for dinner tonight.
4. They _____ (need to/have to) practice for the music contest.
5. He _____ (need to/have to) study if he wants to do well on the test.
6. You _____ (need to/have to) wear a helmet when riding your bike.
7. I really _____ (need to/have to) call my friend and wish him a happy birthday.

Section 2: Choose the Correct Option

Circle 'need to' or 'have to' to complete each sentence correctly.

1. I (need to/have to) wake up early tomorrow for school.
2. You (need to/have to) finish your homework before you can play outside.
3. They (need to/have to) clean their room this weekend.
4. She (need to/have to) buy some new shoes for the dance.
5. He (need to/have to) visit his grandmother this Sunday.





Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentences using 'need to' or 'have to' in the correct form.

1. It is important for me to see a dentist.

- I _____ see a dentist.

2. The rules say that we must wear uniforms.

- We _____ wear uniforms.

3. I want to finish my book today.

- I _____ finish my book today.

4. The teacher says that we must turn in our projects by Friday.

- We _____ turn in our projects by Friday.

5. She feels it's important to save money for a trip.

- She _____ save money for a trip.

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks with 'need to' or 'have to'.

A: Do you think I _____ (need to/have to) study for the test next week?

B: Yes, I think you _____ (need to/have to). It's quite challenging!

A: Do I _____ (need to/have to) bring anything special for the exam?

B: You just _____ (need to/have to) bring your pencil and ID.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. have to
2. have to
3. need to
4. have to
5. need to
6. have to
7. need to

Section 2:

1. have to
2. have to
3. have to
4. need to
5. have to

Section 3:

1. I need to see a dentist.
2. We have to wear uniforms.
3. I need to finish my book today.
4. We have to turn in our projects by Friday.
5. She needs to save money for a trip.

Section 4:

1. need to
2. need to
3. have to
4. need to

