



Mini Lesson 095 - Expressing Obligation with 'Have to' and 'Must'

In English, we use 'have to' and 'must' to express obligation or necessity. Although both expressions convey a sense of requirement, they are used in slightly different contexts.

When to use 'Must':

- To express a strong obligation or necessity:
 - Example: You must wear a seatbelt while driving.
- To give strong advice or recommendations:
 - Example: You must try the chocolate cake; it's delicious!

When to use 'Have to':

- To express an obligation that comes from an external source:
 - Example: I have to finish my homework before going out.
- To indicate something that is necessary but not as strong as 'must':
 - Example: You have to pay for your ticket before entering the concert.

Structure:

- Affirmative: Subject + must/have to + base form of the verb
 - Example: She must attend the meeting.
- Negative: Subject + must not (mustn't)/do not have to + base form of the verb
 - Example: You mustn't run in the hallways.
 - Example: You don't have to bring your own lunch.
- Questions: Must/Do + subject + base form of the verb?
 - Example: Must we leave now?
 - Example: Do you have to go so soon?





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using 'must' or 'have to' and the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I _____ (study) for the test tomorrow.
2. You _____ (wear) a helmet when riding a bike.
3. She _____ (clean) her room before going to the party.
4. He _____ (not/forget) to call his parents.
5. We _____ (finish) this project by next week.
6. They _____ (not/take) photos during the concert.
7. You _____ (meet) the new teacher today.

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using 'must' or 'have to'.

1. It is necessary for you to clean your room.
- You _____ clean your room.
2. It is important for students to arrive on time.
- Students _____ arrive on time.
3. You don't have any choice. You must attend the meeting.
- You _____ attend the meeting.
4. According to the rules, you should wear a uniform.
- You _____ wear a uniform.
5. It is required to finish your homework for tomorrow.
- You _____ finish your homework for tomorrow.





Section 3: Choose the Correct Answer

Circle 'must' or 'have to' to complete each sentence.

1. She (must/have to) go to the dentist next week.
2. You (must/have to) not eat in the classroom.
3. I (must/have to) finish my assignment by Friday.
4. You (must/have to) take care of your health.
5. They (must/have to) not arrive late to the concert.

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

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

A: Do I _____ bring my own lunch to the picnic?

B: No, you don't _____. The food will be provided.

A: Great! What time do we _____ arrive?

B: We _____ be there by 12 PM to help set up.

A: Perfect! I _____ remember to bring the drinks.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. have to study
2. must wear
3. has to clean
4. must not forget
5. have to finish
6. must not take
7. have to meet

Section 2:

1. You have to clean your room.
2. Students must arrive on time.
3. You must attend the meeting.
4. You have to wear a uniform.
5. You have to finish your homework for tomorrow.

Section 3:

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

Section 4:

1. have to
2. must
3. have to
4. must
5. have to remember

