Modals of Obligation

must · have to · should · B1 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

Obligation: must / have to — You must wear a helmet. · I have to work tomorrow.
Prohibition: mustn't — You mustn't park here.
No obligation (not necessary): don't have to — You don't have to pay; it's free.
Advice: should / shouldn't — You should rest. · You shouldn't worry.

Note: have to → has to (he/she) · had to (past). Questions: Do I have to…?
mustn't (prohibition) is very different from **don't have to** (no need).

1 Complete with must, mustn't, don't have to or should.

1 You _____ wear a seatbelt in the car. (it's the law)

2 You _____ smoke in the hospital. (not allowed)

3 It's Sunday, so I _____ get up early. (no need)

4 You look tired; you _____ go to bed. (advice)

5 You _____ touch that — it's dangerous! (not allowed)

6 You _____ worry so much. (advice)

2 Complete with have to, has to or had to.

1 She _____ work on Saturdays. (present)

2 I _____ get up at five yesterday. (past)

3 They _____ wear a uniform at school. (present)

4 He _____ take an exam last week. (past)

5 We _____ book the tickets in advance. (present)

6 You _____ pay a deposit last month. (past)

3 Choose the correct option.

1 You (must / mustn't) tell lies.

2 You (have to / don't have to) bring food; we provide it.

3 I (should / shouldn't) eat so much sugar.

4 Visitors (must / mustn't) sign in at reception.

5 You (have to / should) have a passport to travel abroad.

6 He (should / must) see a dentist about that tooth. (advice)

4 Give advice with should or shouldn't.

1 You're very tired. You _____ go to bed early.

2 It's raining. You _____ take an umbrella.

3 You _____ drive so fast. It's dangerous.

4 She's ill. She _____ go to work today.

5 You _____ drink more water.

6 We _____ waste food.

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *You must to wear a helmet.*

2 *She have to work tomorrow.*

3 *You don't must smoke here.*

4 *I had to studied all night.*

5 *You should to see a doctor.*

Soluciones

Answer key. In 1 and 3, must and have to are often interchangeable.

1 · must / mustn't / don't have to / should

1 must (have to) 2 mustn't 3 don't have to 4 should 5 mustn't 6 shouldn't

2 · have to / has to / had to

1 has to 2 had to 3 have to 4 had to 5 have to 6 had to

3 · Choose

1 mustn't 2 don't have to 3 shouldn't 4 must 5 have to 6 should

4 · should or shouldn't

1 should 2 should 3 shouldn't 4 shouldn't 5 should 6 shouldn't

5 · Error correction

1 You must wear a helmet. 2 She has to work tomorrow. 3 You mustn't smoke here.
4 I had to study all night. 5 You should see a doctor.