

I have to ...



I have to do something = it is necessary for me to do it; I am obliged to do it

I/we/you/they	have	to do
he/she/it	has	to work
		to go
		to watch, etc.

- ☐ I'll be late for work tomorrow. I **have to go** to the dentist.
- ☐ Megan starts work at 7:00, so she **has to get up** at 6:00.
- ☐ You **have to pass** a test before you can get a driver's license.

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The past (yesterday / last week, etc.) is **had to** ...:

- ☐ I was late for work yesterday. I **had to go** to the dentist.
- ☐ We **had to walk** home last night. There were no buses.

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In questions and negatives we use **do/does** (present) and **did** (past):

Present

do	I/we/you/they	have to ... ?	I/we/you/they	don't	have to ...
does	he/she/it		he/she/it	doesn't	

Past

did	I/we/you/they he/she/it	have to ... ?	I/we/you/they he/she/it	didn't have to ...
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- ☐ What time **do** you **have to go** to the dentist tomorrow?
- ☐ **Does** Megan **have to work** on Saturdays?
- ☐ Why **did** they **have to leave** the party early?

I don't have to (do something) = it is not necessary to do it:

- ☐ I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to get up** early.
- ☐ Mike **doesn't have to work** very hard. He's got an easy job.
- ☐ We **didn't have to wait** very long for the bus – it came in a few minutes.

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must

You can also use **must** to say it is necessary to do something:

- ☐ You **must pass** a test before you can get a driver's license. or You **have to pass** a test ...
- ☐ In many countries, men **must do** military service. or ... men **have to do** ...

We use **have to** more often than **must**, especially in spoken English.

Exercises

Unit
31

31.1 Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **has to** + these verbs:

hit read speak take travel ~~wear~~

- My eyes are not very good. I have to wear glasses.
- At the end of the course all the students a test.
- Sarah is studying literature. She a lot of books.
- Alberto doesn't understand much English. You very slowly to him.
- Kate is not at home much. She a lot for her job.
- In tennis you the ball over the net.

31.2 Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **had to** + these verbs:

answer buy change go take wake ~~walk~~

- We had to walk home last night. There were no buses.
- It's late. I now. I'll see you tomorrow.
- I went to the store after work yesterday. I some food.
- This train doesn't go all the way downtown. You at First Avenue.
- We took a test yesterday. We six questions out of ten.
- I'm going to bed. I up early tomorrow.
- Amy and her cousin can't go out with us tonight. They care of Amy's little brother.

31.3 Complete the questions. Some are present and some are past.

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| 1 I have to get up early tomorrow. | What time <u>do you have to get up</u> ? |
| 2 John had to wait a long time. | How long ? |
| 3 Liz has to go somewhere. | Where ? |
| 4 We had to pay a lot of money. | How much ? |
| 5 I have to do some work. | What exactly ? |
| 6 They had to leave early. | Why ? |
| 7 Jim has to go to Moscow. | When ? |

31.4 Write sentences with **don't/doesn't/didn't have to**

- Why are you going out? You don't have to go out.
- Why is Sue waiting? She
- Why did you get up early? You
- Why is Alex working so hard? He
- Why do you want to leave now? We
- Why did they tell me something I already know? They

31.5 Write some things that you (or your friends or family) have to do or had to do.

- (every day) I have to drive 50 miles to work every day.
- (every day)
- (yesterday)
- (tomorrow)
- (last week)
- (when I was younger)