

Must vs. Have To: Expressing Obligation

Easy

A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate

Modal verb

Questions

Negation

English Grammar Basics

1. Complete the stressed student's morning reminders by choosing the correct word for each blank.

I _____ remember to buy coffee before my morning lecture. The syllabus says that everyone _____ complete the online quiz before class begins.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) must
- B) have
- C) has

Blank 2

- A) has to
- B) have to
- C) musts

2. Help the dramatic knight understand his king's orders by choosing the correct phrase.

"You ____ the dragon before sunset, or we won't have a fire to roast our royal marshmallows!"

Select one.

- A) must to defeat
- B) must defeat
- C) have defeat
- D) must defeating

3. Complete the exhausted roommate's diary entry about living with a fitness fanatic by selecting the best verbs.

"My roommate is completely obsessed with his morning routine. He _____ wake up at 5:00 AM every single day to run. I, on the other hand, _____ wake up until 8:00 AM, thank goodness!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) have to
- B) has to
- C) must to

Blank 2

- A) mustn't
- B) doesn't have to
- C) don't have to

4. You are reading a top-secret manual for surviving a vampire attack. Select ALL the grammatically correct options to complete this crucial safety rule.

"If you hear a knock at your window at midnight, you _____ keep the door locked!"

Select all that apply.

- A) must
- B) have to
- C) have got to
- D) must to
- E) has to

5. Select the grammatically correct question for this grumpy teenager.

"___ wear this extremely itchy sweater to Aunt Martha's party?"

Select one.

- A) Do I must
- B) Have I to
- C) Do I have to
- D) Must I to

6. Review Professor Higgins' famously terrifying class syllabus. Select ALL the phrases that correctly complete his rule about classroom supplies.

"To pass this class, each student _____ bring a perfectly sharpened pencil to every lecture."

Select all that apply.

- A) must
- B) has to
- C) have to
- D) musts

7. Help the unlucky driver finish his text message to his friend by choosing the correct verb for each blank.

Yesterday, my car broke down in the rain, so I _____ walk three miles to work! At least I _____ pay for parking.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) had to
- B) must
- C) have to

Blank 2

- A) didn't have to
- B) must not
- C) hasn't to

8. Help the frantic baking instructor remind her students of the kitchen rules by choosing the correct phrase for each blank.

"Listen up, everyone! You _____ eat the raw eggs, unless you want a trip to the hospital! However, you _____ frost the cupcakes right this second—take your time and do it when they finally cool down."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) don't have to
- B) mustn't
- C) haven't to

Blank 2

- A) mustn't
- B) don't have to
- C) doesn't have to

9. Complete the student's dramatic text message explaining why he missed the morning lecture. Select the correct option for each gap.

"I'm so sorry I'm late! I _____ rescue a very angry raccoon from my garbage can this morning. Because of that little adventure, I missed the bus and _____ walk three miles in the pouring rain!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) must
- B) have to
- C) had to

Blank 2

- A) must
- B) have to
- C) had to

10. Complete the frustrated college student's text message to their mom.

"It's so unfair! My roommate never cleans, so our poor robot vacuum ____ do all the work."

Select one.

- A) have to
- B) has to
- C) must to
- D) haves to

11. Help the new gym member understand the rules by choosing the correct phrase for each blank.

You _____ wear outdoor shoes on the basketball court, because the dirt will ruin the wood. However, you _____ bring your own towel, because the front desk provides them for free.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) must not
- B) don't have to
- C) doesn't have to

Blank 2

- A) don't have to
- B) must not
- C) mustn't

12. Help the exhausted college student leave a polite but firm note for their extremely messy roommate. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that express a strong obligation.

Select all that apply.

- A) You must wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.
- B) You have to wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.
- C) You must to wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.
- D) You has to wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.