

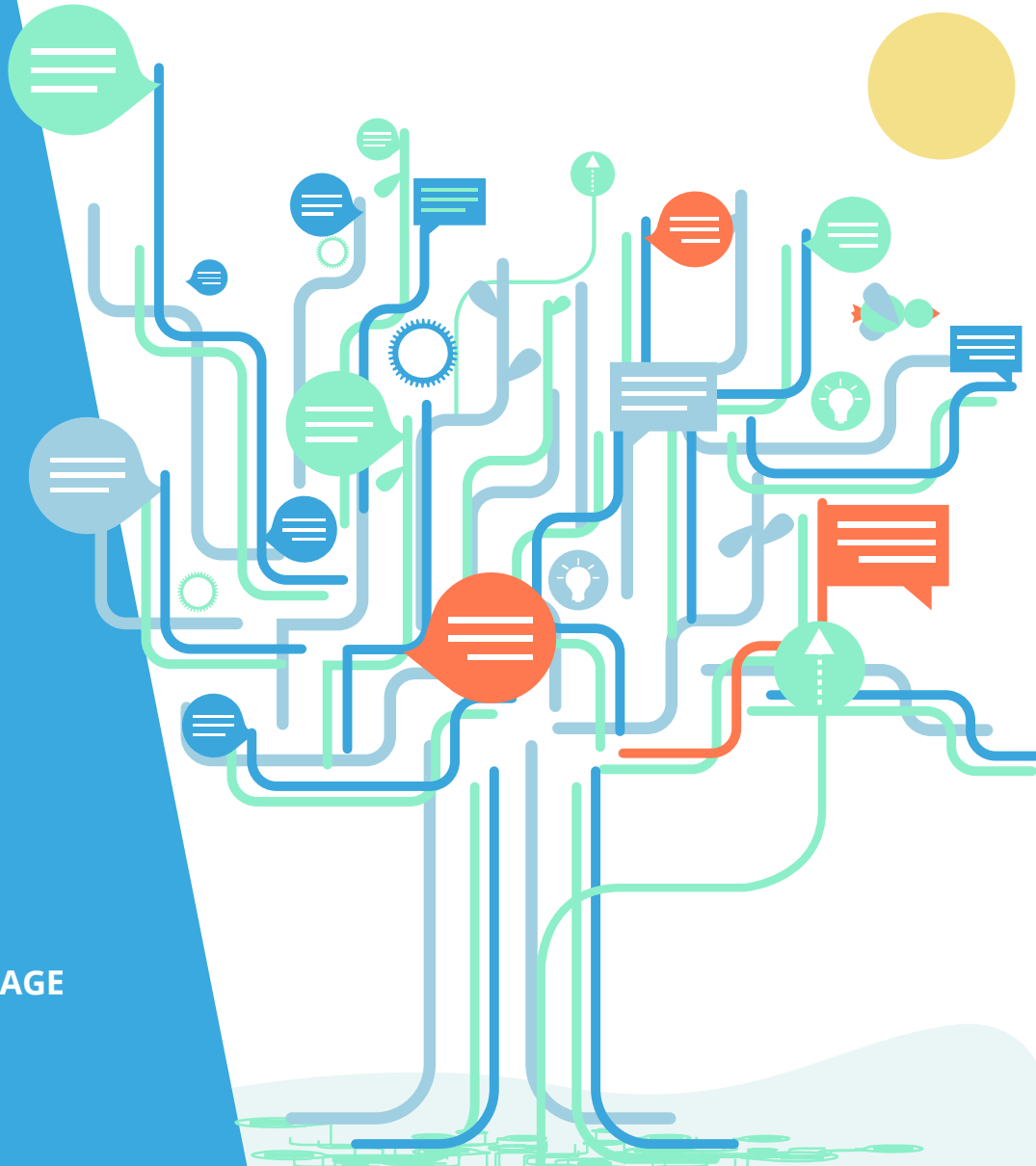
Modal verbs of obligation

GRAMMAR

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Beginner

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English





Goals

- Learn words for obligations
- Practise the different meanings of these words



I **must** work on Mondays. I **don't have to** work on Saturdays. I **should** stay late if my work isn't done.



must



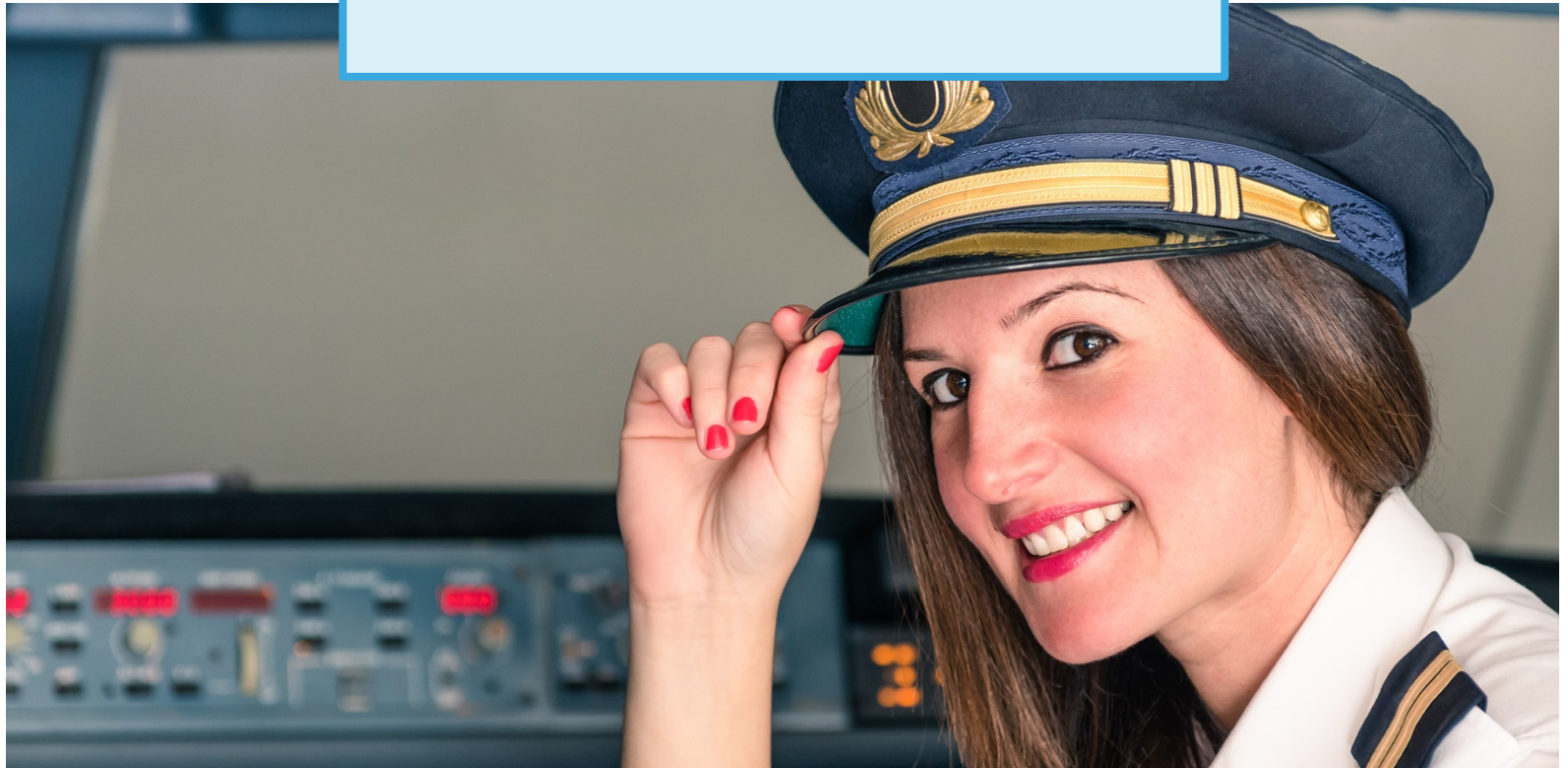
Doctors **must** have a university degree.

to have to



Mechanics **have to** know how to fix cars.

should



Airlines **should** employ more women pilots.



Is it an obligation or advice?

Must and *to have to* mean an obligation. It is not your choice. We use *should* to give advice or an opinion. This is not an obligation.

obligation	advice or opinion
My car is broken. I must take a taxi instead.	You should take a taxi if you want to avoid sitting in traffic.
You can't leave your child home unattended. You have to hire a babysitter.	You should hire my babysitter. My children think she's a lot of fun.



Positive structures

- *Should* and *must* don't change for different subjects. *To have to* does change for different subjects.
- We follow all three verbs with another base verb without *to* or *-ing*.

subject	modal verb of obligation	another base verb
I, you, we, they	have to	lose weight.
she, he, it	has to	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	must	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	should	lose weight.



Must and have to



Must and *have to* are very similar. However, we use *must* when **we** think it is an obligation and we use *have to* when **someone** tells us it is an obligation.

I must finish my homework before I go out.

Because I will not have fun if I don't.

I have to finish my homework before I go out.

Because my mum told me I have to.



Is it an obligation or advice?

1. He has to work on weekdays.

a. obligation

b. advice

2. I must finish my homework.

a. obligation

b. advice

3. She should work this Saturday because she wants to take a holiday next week.

a. obligation

b. advice



Fill in the blanks

1. I have a test tomorrow. I _____ study tonight so I don't fail it.
2. I _____ to pass the test to get into my first choice university.
3. I _____ take a break because I'm tired and then come back and study some more later.
4. I have _____ be at the test at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.



have

to

should

must



Must or have to

Choose *must* or *have to* to fill in the blanks. Tell your teacher why you chose each one.

1. I _____ buy Ellie a present today. I will feel bad if I forget.
2. I _____ finish my assignment for tomorrow or my teacher will be angry.
3. I _____ wear a uniform to school.
4. I _____ get a hair cut before the party. I look terrible!
5. I _____ be at work at 9am every day.





What must you do? What do you have to do? What should you do?

I must...

I should...

I have to...

Why?



Is it allowed or forbidden?

- *Must not* means something is forbidden. It is not your choice.
- *Should not* is advice or an opinion. It is your choice but it is not recommended.
- *Do not have to* means it is not an obligation. It is your choice.

forbidden	not recommended	allowed
You must not smoke in the office.	You should not smoke. It's bad for your health.	You do not have to eat that if you don't like it.
I must not drive over the speed limit.	I should not drive into the city during rush hour.	I do not have to drive my car. I can take the bus instead.



Negative structures

- *Should not* and *must not* can be contracted.
- *To have to* needs *do not* or *does not* in the negative.
 - *Do not* and *does not* can be contracted.

subject	negative modal verb of obligation	another base verb
I, you, we, they	do not have to (don't have to)	lose weight.
she, he, it	does not have to (doesn't have to)	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	must not (mustn't)	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	should not (shouldn't)	lose weight.



Fill in the blanks

1. There is a law that forbids smoking in this restaurant. I _____ smoke in this restaurant.

- a. shouldn't** **b. deserve to** **c. doesn't have to** **d. mustn't**

2. There is no law that forbids smoking in this restaurant but I know it bothers some people when I smoke in a restaurant. I _____ smoke in any restaurant.

- a. shouldn't** **b. don't have to** **c. doesn't have to** **d. mustn't**

3. I know people smoke in that restaurant. I don't like eating in a restaurant where people smoke. I _____ to eat in that restaurant. I can eat in a restaurant that doesn't allow smoking.

- a. shouldn't** **b. don't have to** **c. doesn't have to** **d. mustn't**



Is it a choice or not?

It's a choice.

It's not a choice.

You must pay taxes.

I don't have to work on Saturdays.

We should see a movie this weekend.

He doesn't have to play football.

You mustn't swim right after you eat.

He mustn't steal a car.

She has to wake up early to get to work on time.

I should get more exercise.

You have to get a job after you graduate.

They shouldn't watch so much TV.



Choose the correct option



mustn't

have to

Tony! I just got a new job in your office. You _____ give me some advice.

shouldn't

must

Oh, all my jeans are old. I _____ buy some new ones.

Should

Mustn't

Yes, I am. _____ I bring something?

shouldn't

must

Ok. I know I _____ ever be late for work things. Thanks, Tony.

Oh sure. Well, we _____ wear smart clothes - you can wear jeans if you want.

Are you going to the party for work on Friday? You really _____ come.

No, don't bring anything. You _____ be late though - the boss hates it when people are late.

don't have to

should

shouldn't

should

don't have to

mustn't



About you

Using the dialogue on the previous page to help you, tell your teacher about obligations in your workplace or where you study.





Look at the pictures

Use modal verbs to talk about obligations and advice or things that are allowed or forbidden in these pictures.



They don't have to smoke but they can.





Use modal verbs to talk about your health

to lose weight

**to go to the
doctor**

to gain weight

to get more exercise

to smoke

**to go to
the gym**

to go jogging

to go for a walk

to play sports

to eat healthier



What must they do?

Use *should*, *must*, and *have to* (and *shouldn't*, *mustn't*, and *don't/doesn't have to*) to talk about the job requirements for these people.



teacher

doctor

mechanic

receptionist

waiter

chef

artist

actor

driver



Lay down the rules!

- Pretend you are the parent and tell your teenager what the rules are. What are they forbidden to do? What are they allowed to do?
- Pretend you are the boss and tell your new employee what the job requirements are. What must they do? What should they do?
- Pretend you are the teacher and tell your students what the rules are in your classroom.





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no



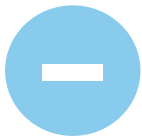


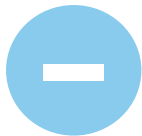
Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?









If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





Answer key

Exercise p. 10: 1. a 2. a 3. b

Exercise p. 11: 1. must 2. have 3. should 4. to

Exercise p. 12: 1. must, 2. have to, 3. have to, 4. must, 5. have to

Exercise p. 16: 1. d 2. a 3. b

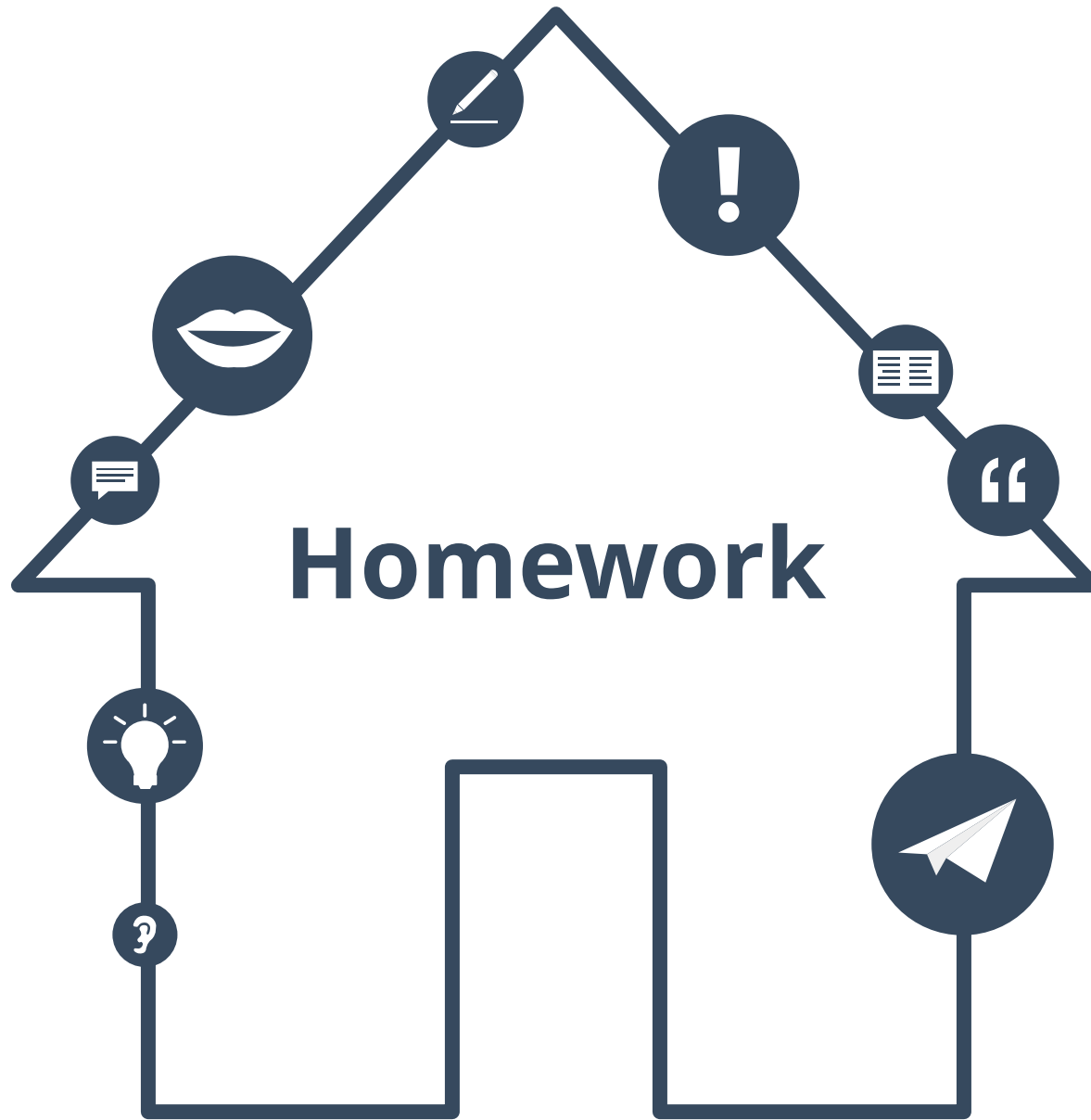
Exercise p. 17: It's a choice: I don't have to work on Saturdays. We should see a

movie this weekend. He doesn't have to play football. I should get more exercise. They shouldn't watch so much TV. It's not a choice: You must pay taxes. You

mustn't swim right after you eat. He mustn't steal a car. She has to wake up early to get to work on time. You have to get a job after you graduate.

Exercise p. 18: have to, don't have to, must, should, mustn't, shouldn't

Exercise p. 20: Examples: You mustn't smoke. The dad must be quiet/He mustn't move. They don't have to wear uniforms.





Complete the table

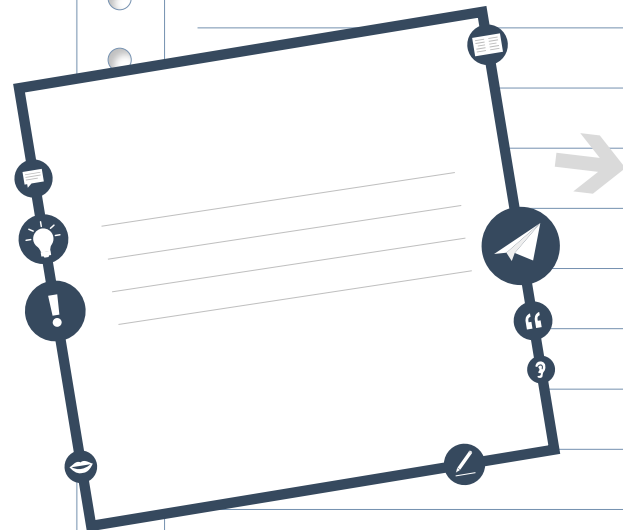
must	must not	_____
should	_____	shouldn't
_____	does not have to	doesn't have to
have to	do not have to	_____





Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**





Examples:





I must not smoke in this restaurant.



→ We must not smoke in this restaurant.



I have to study for a test.



→ We have to study for a test.



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Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

A vertical rectangular area with a light gray background and horizontal lines, resembling a page from a spiral-bound notebook. The spiral binding is visible on the left side.



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 23: mustn't, should not, has to, don't have to



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