

Must / Mustn't / Have to / Don't have to

Must: personal obligation; it's important for me to do it; I need do it

Mustn't: I can't or should not do it; it is not right to do it

Have to: strong obligation; very important do it because someone / something else tells me to; consequences if I don't do it

Don't have to: it is not necessary; there is no obligation to do it; there is choice

(remember: 3rd person: **he / she / it** **has to** / **doesn't have to**)

1. Many school children in Ireland _____ wear a uniform.
2. It is Saturday. Simon has a day off. He _____ get up early.
3. For healthy teeth, people _____ brush their teeth twice a day.
4. You _____ smoke inside a public building in Ireland.
5. School children _____ do their homework to help them learn.
6. Irish people _____ pay for water.
7. People _____ be on time for school and work.
8. We _____ throw rubbish in the street.
9. People _____ pass a practical test to get their driving license.
10. Most schools in Ireland are free. People _____ pay.
11. I _____ visit my sick friend in hospital.
12. Mary _____ go to the post office to collect a parcel.
13. In Ireland, people _____ get married in a church.
14. My folder is very messy. I _____ organise all the papers.

Rules and Regulations: True or False

People have to pay for school in Ireland. _____

Children don't have to do homework. _____

People have to be on time for work. _____

People mustn't drive on the right side of the road in Ireland. _____

Drivers don't have to stop at red traffic lights. _____

People have to pay for gas or electricity in Ireland. _____

Children under 12 don't have to pay on the bus. _____

Most school children have to wear a uniform in Ireland. _____

School children don't have to study to do well in exams. _____

People must eat fruit and vegetables to stay healthy. _____

People have to be 18 to buy alcohol in Ireland. _____

Children in Ireland have to learn how to swim. _____

You must listen, talk and study to learn a new language. _____

As an EU citizen, you have to have a visa to travel in Europe. _____

Irish people must use an Irish passport to travel outside the country. _____

Banks have to lend people money if they ask for it. _____

Children in Ireland don't have to speak Irish at home. _____

People must eat fish on Friday. _____

Irish people have to obey the British queen. _____

Can you finish these sentences with your own words.

Have to

1. I have to _____
2. I have to _____
3. I have to _____
4. I have to _____
5. I have to _____

Must

1. I must _____
2. I must _____
3. I must _____

Mustn't

1. I mustn't _____
2. I mustn't _____
3. I mustn't _____
4. I mustn't _____

Don't have to

1. I don't have to _____
2. I don't have to _____
3. I don't have to _____

Read the story.

Choose a suitable modal verb (there may be more than one option)

must mustn't have / has to don't / doesn't have to



Maria and Tom have a new baby. In the middle of the night the baby is hungry. Maria or Tom _____ get up and make a bottle for the baby. They _____ wait until the baby falls asleep.

In the morning Maria _____ get up at 6 am for work. She is a nurse in a hospital. She _____ wear a uniform and but she _____ wear white shoes. She can wear any trainers.

First, Maria _____ bring the baby to crèche near her apartment. Then she _____ take the LUAS to work. She works in St. James' hospital in Dublin 8. Maria _____ bring lunch because there is a canteen in work. She _____ be on time for work because she has many jobs. She _____ help the doctor and check on the patients, but she _____ perform any operations.

Tom _____ get up early. He is a chef. He _____ be in work at 11 am to prepare for lunch. Tom _____ wear a clean, white uniform in the kitchen. He _____ be very energetic in the kitchen because it is a very busy restaurant.

Maria _____ collect her baby before 5 pm. She is very tired. She cooks dinner for herself, but she _____ make dinner for her husband. He eats in work. She _____ go to bed late, as she _____ get up early. She _____ have a good sleep.

Error correction

or



1. I must remember to post that letter. _____
2. He have to pay his bills. _____
3. She mustn't drinks and drive. _____
4. He has to take his medicine three times a day. _____
5. They has to pay their rent at the end of the month. _____
6. I must brush my teeth at least twice a day. _____
7. He must do some exercise to keep fit and healthy. _____
8. It has to be eaten by the last day of the month. _____
9. We have to some food for the week. _____
10. I have to cut my nails at least once a month. _____
11. We must to the dentist next month. _____
12. I have sign a contract in my new job. _____
13. She don't have to get up early tomorrow morning. _____
14. I don't have to tomorrow night. _____
15. They don't have to wear a uniform to school. _____
16. She mustn't throw litter on the street. _____
17. They must be on time for class. _____
18. She doesn't have pay her bills this week. _____

Modal Verb: Have to / Had to (present & past)

have to	has to	don't have to	doesn't have to
Do _____ have to	Does _____ have to	had to	
	Did _____ have to	didn't have to	

_____ she _____ go to see her solicitor next week?

I _____ get up early last Saturday because I wasn't working.

He _____ pay his rent today.

The children _____ wear a uniform to school. They can wear their regular clothes.

They _____ take the bus to work last Monday as their car broke down.

I _____ take my children to school as they are too young to walk alone.

_____ we _____ finish this exercise for homework?

_____ they _____ queue for a long time at the tax office last week?

She _____ go to bed early tonight as she is off work tomorrow.

Compare Ireland to your Country of Origin

Question	Ireland	Your Country
People have to drive on the left-hand side of the road		
Most children have to wear a uniform to school		
Men don't have to do the housework		
Women must stay at home to mind the children		
People have to pray in your place of worship at least one day a week		
People mustn't smoke in a hospital		
People mustn't smoke in a restaurant		
People mustn't smoke at home		
People mustn't drink alcohol and drive your car		
People have to make an appointment to see the doctor		
People don't have to pay for primary school		
People mustn't eat pork		
People must eat fish on a Friday		
People must shake hands with everyone you meet		
The state has to support you if you don't work		
Children must respect their teachers in school		
People have to carry I.D. at all times		
People have to have a license to own a gun		
Your car has to have tax and insurance		