

Must, Have To and Should Exercises

Level: A2

Must, have to and should

Use must and have to for rules and things that are necessary. Use should for advice. Be careful: mustn't means you can't do it, but don't have to means it is not necessary.

Must: Use must for a strong rule: You must stop at a red light. Must is the same for every person: I must, she must. After must, use the base verb.

Have to: Use have to for rules and things that are necessary: Students have to wear a uniform. Use has to with he, she and it: She has to get up at six.

Mustn't: Use mustn't (must not) for something that is not allowed: You mustn't park here. It means: do not do it.

Don't have to: Use don't have to or doesn't have to when it is not necessary: I don't have to work on Sunday. It means: you can do it, but you can choose.

Questions with have to: Use do or does for a question: Do you have to work on Saturdays? Does she have to wear a uniform? Questions with must are formal and rare, so use have to.

Should and shouldn't: Use should for advice, and shouldn't for a bad idea: You should see a doctor. You shouldn't eat so much sugar. Should is the same for every person.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

Choose the correct answer.

1. In my country, you ___ drive on the left. It is the law.
a) have to b) don't have to c) mustn't
2. You ___ take photos in this room. It is not allowed.
a) mustn't b) don't have to c) should
3. It's Saturday. I ___ go to school today.
a) don't have to b) mustn't c) must
4. You have a bad cold. You ___ stay at home and rest.
a) should b) shouldn't c) has to
5. My brother ___ wear a suit at work. It's the rule.
a) have to b) has to c) must to
6. Which sentence means 'It is not necessary'?
a) You mustn't come. b) You don't have to come. c) You shouldn't come.

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Type the correct form. The hint tells you which word to use.

7. It is a rule. We ___ be quiet in the exam. (have to or must)

8. You ___ forget your passport. You can't travel without it. (must, negative)
9. Tomorrow is a holiday, so she ___ work. (have to, negative)
10. He ___ get up at five o'clock. His train is at six. (have to)
11. You eat too much sugar. You ___ eat so much. (should, negative)
12. ___ I have to wear a tie to the party? (question)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **phone / in / use / mustn't / you / your / exams / .**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **Saturdays / have / work / you / to / on / ? / Do**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **a / to / doesn't / wear / have / she / uniform / .**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **doctor / should / a / see / you / .**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. 'Mustn't' and 'don't have to' mean the same thing. True / False
18. 'You mustn't smoke here' means smoking is not allowed. True / False
19. We use 'should' to give advice: 'You should drink more water.' True / False
20. 'She should goes home early' is correct English. True / False
21. With he, she and it, we say 'has to': 'She has to work today.' True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

1. a) have to
2. a) mustn't
3. a) don't have to
4. a) should
5. b) has to
6. b) You don't have to come.

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. have to / must
8. mustn't / must not
9. doesn't have to / does not have to
10. has to
11. shouldn't / should not
12. Do

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. You mustn't use your phone in exams.
14. Do you have to work on Saturdays?
15. She doesn't have to wear a uniform.
16. You should see a doctor.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. False
18. True
19. True
20. False
21. True