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Must, have to and can

GRAMMAR

LEVEL Intermediate

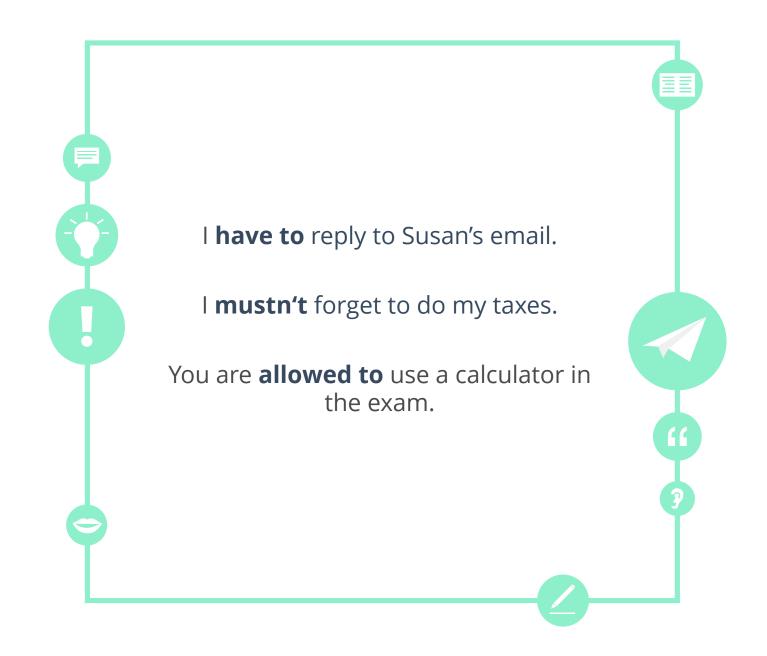
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- Can provide a simple explanation of modals of obligation, prohibition and permission, with examples.
- Can accurately give and deny permission in various scenarios.







Preview and warm-up

■ In this lesson we will focus on using different **modals verbs**.



You **can ask** as many questions as you want. A driver **mustn't go** through the traffic lights until it is green.

ff Must

- Subject + *must* + bare infinitive go, see, eat, drive, play...
- We use *must* when we think it is **necessary** to do something.
- Must is often used in written rules and instructions.



It's Jill's birthday. I must remember to call her.

We must receive your application by Tuesday.





- Subject + have/has to + bare infinitive work, visit, travel, write...
- *Have to* is similar to *must*. We use both when it is **necessary** to do something.
- Use *must* or *have to* to give **your opinion** or what **you** think is necessary.
- But use *have to* when what you are saying is a **fact**, not a personal opinion.



You have to visit Paris. It's such a beautiful city.

Kath has to get up at 6am for work.





Must in the past simple



- We use *had to* in the past simple, **not** *must*.
- Subject + had to + bare infinitive.



I had to apply by Tuesday, but I missed the deadline.



Using must

Use *must* + one of the verbs below to fill the gap in each sentence.

reconsider speak eat see go

- 1. You haven't been to the dentist in a long time. You _____ soon.
- 2. If you quit, the company will fail. You
- 3. I love that director. His new film is wonderful. You it.
- 4. I don't care if Professor Beatty is busy. I _____ to her.
- 5. We _____ something before we leave. It is a long journey.







In some of these sentences, using *must* is wrong or sounds odd. Correct the sentences if necessary

1.	I must travel a lot for my job.	→	I have to travel a lot for my job.
2.	Angelica must take yesterday off because she was ill.	→	
3.	It was good seeing you! We must stay in touch.	→	
4.	You must remember to bring your laptop to the meeting.	→	
5.	I must stay late tonight. We should cancel our dinner plans.	→	



Don't have to

- Subject + don't/doesn't have to + bare infinitive.
- We use *don't have to* when it is **not necessary** to do something.
- **Don't have to** means you **don't need** to do something, but you **can** if want to.



You don't have to drive me to work. I am going to walk.

I don't have to tell Daisy about what Dave said. She was also in the meeting.





Mustn't and can't

- Subject + *mustn't/can't* + bare infinitive.
- Mustn't and can't mean that it is necessary not to do something.
- We use these words to **give instructions not** to do something.



This is a secret. You mustn't tell anybody.

I was late to work yesterday. I can't be late again today!





Don't have to vs mustn't/can't



Don't have to and **mustn't/can't** are very different.

Don't have to

Mustn't/can't

You don't have to watch the programme live. It is on again later. (= you don't need to, but you can if you want to)

You **can't** watch that programme. It is too violent for you. (=It is necessary **not** to watch the programme, so **don't** do it)

You **don't have to**cook the steaks
tonight. We could
order a pizza.
(= you **don't need** to
cook the steaks, but
that is an option)

You **mustn't** cook the steaks tonight. Miguel is a vegetarian. (It is necessary **not** to cook the steaks, so that is **not** an option)





Using don't have to, mustn't and can't

Use don't/doesn't have to, mustn't or can't to fill the gap in each sentence.

1.	Tabatha work from home, but she usually does.
2.	You forget to send Briony that email. It is very important.
3.	Our office has a free coffee machine, so we buy our own.
4.	Members of staff share their passwords with anybody.

5. Some teachers in private schools ______ be fully qualified.



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6.	Students	_ attend their lectures, but w	e recommend that they do.
7.	You really	stay up so late. You are	always so tired.
8.	This is an individual as:	signment. You	work with anyone else.
9.	You bu	uy a new phone every year,	but many people do.
10.	Rebecca	lose confidence. She will	get a new job soon.

ff Can

- Subject + can + bare infinitive.
- We use *can* to say that someone is allowed to do something.
- **Can** gives someone **permission**.



Only gym members can park in these spaces.

Anyone can play tennis here. These are public courts.





Using can to ask for permission

- **■** *Can* + subject + bare infinitive.
- We also use *may* and *could* instead of *can*.
- We normally use *may* and *could* in more **polite** situations.



Can I borrow your pen? I forgot to bring mine.

Could Olivia attend the meeting? She is our new intern.





Using can, could and may to ask for permission

Use the photographs below to write questions using can, may and could.

Ask your sister to pass you the scissors





Ask a colleague if you can borrow their phone

Ask a stranger to open a door for you





Ask your boss if you can come in late tomorrow

Allowed to

- Subject + am/are/is + allowed to + bare infinitive.
- We use *allowed to* express **permission** to do something.
- If we are allowed to do something, it is **okay to do it** we have **permission**.
- We use was/were + allowed to + bare infinitive for the past simple.



I am allowed to use the company credit card to pay for dinner.

She was allowed to visit her mother in hospital.





Not allowed to

- Subject + to be + *not* + *allowed to* + bare infinitive.
- We can also use *allowed to* when we **don't** have permission.
- To to do this, we make the sentence **negative**.



We **are not allowed to drink** coffee near our computers.



Not supposed to

- Subject + am/are/is + not + supposed to + bare infinitive.
- Not supposed to is similar to mustn't and not allowed to we use all three to express when it is necessary not to do something.
- We use *not supposed to* when doing the verb is **wrong** or **against the rules**.
- We use was/were + not + supposed to + bare infinitive for the past simple.



You are not supposed to skateboard here.

She was not supposed to park in that space.





Not supposed to



■ We often use **not supposed to** when we know something is wrong, but we **do it anyway**.

Not supposed to	Meaning
I'm not supposed to drink sugary drinks.	I know this is wrong, but I still do it .
I was not supposed to go out last night.	I know this was not allowed , but I went out anyway.





Using not supposed to in questions



- To be + subject + not + *supposed to* + bare infinitive.
- We use **not supposed to** in questions when something is **different** from what we **expect** or to **clarify** something.



Are we not supposed to be in a meeting right now? Was Miles not supposed to be in Milan last week?



Using not supposed to

- 1. Michael, _____ on holiday this week? **(be)**
- 2. You _____ in here. Who let you in? (be)
- 3. She ______ . It was meant to be a surprise! **(know)**
- 4. We _____ about it. It's confidential. (talk)
- 5. _____ her? She told me she hadn't heard from you. **(call)**







Fill in the gaps using to be + subject + not + supposed to + bare infinitive.



Expressing prohibition

Use the the structures from the lesson to describe each of the pictures below.

Where do you think you might see these signs?





Using modals of necessity, permission and prohibition

Write three lists of sentences in response to the pictures using the structures from the lesson.

Each picture can be in any of the three lists. What do you think? Example: You mustn't complain in a restaurant. It is rude.

pay



follow



download



airport security



relax



own



social media



complain



necessity

permission

prohibition



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Using modals of necessity, permission and prohibition

Compare your answers. Are any of the pictures in different lists? Talk about your decision to use different modals for each of the pictures.

- I have to relax because...
- I am not supposed to use social media, but...
- l can't relax because...



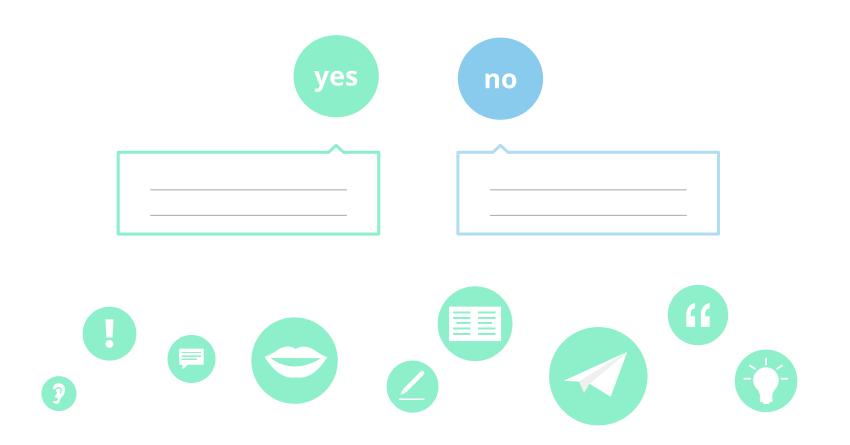


- Aren't you supposed to be...?
- Could you please explain to my why you...?
- Don't you have to...?



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.

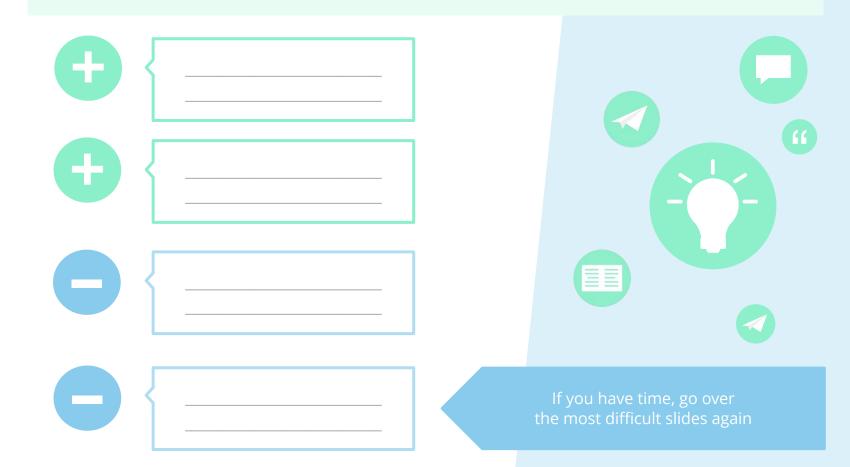






Reflect on this lesson

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





Answer key 1/2

- 5. Some teachers in private school don't have to be fully qualified.
- 4. Members of staff **mustn't** share their passwords with anybody.
- 3. Our office has a free coffee machine, so we don't have to buy our own.
 - 2. You **mustn't** forget to send Briony that email. It is very important.
 - 1. Tabatha doesn't have to work from home, but she usually does.

Activity p. 13

- 5. I have to stay late tonight.
 - 4. Correct
 - 3. Correct
- 2. Angelica had to take yesterday off because she was ill.

Activity p.9

- 5. We **must eat** something before we leave.
 - 4. I must speak to her.
 - 3. You **must see** it.
 - 2. You must reconsider.
 - 1. You must go soon.
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Answer key 2/2

- Activity p. 24 possible answers

 1. You are not allowed to smoke in here.

 2. You mustn't go faster than 30mph.

 3. You are not supposed to take photos.

 4. You can't eat food here.
- Activity p. 23

 1. Michael, aren't you supposed to be on holiday this week?

 2. You are not supposed to be here. Who let you in?

 3. She wasn't supposed to talk about it. It's confidential.

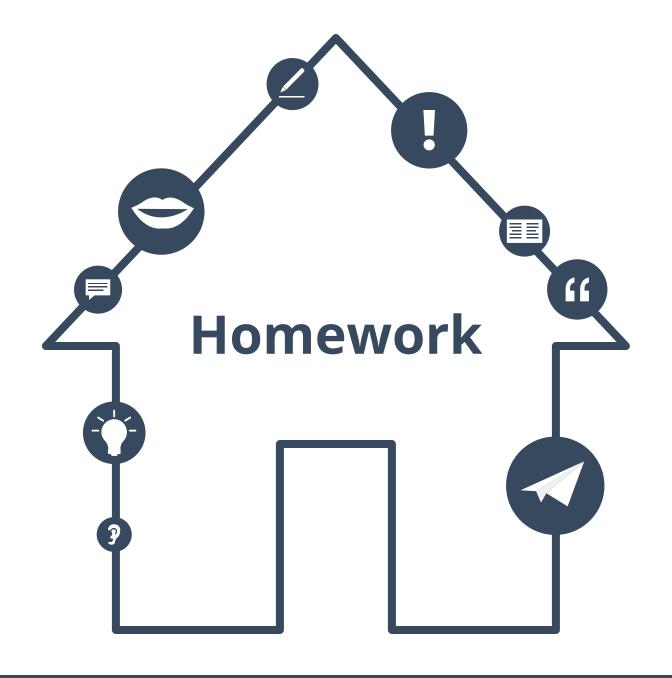
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 5. Weren't you supposed to call her? She told me she hadn't heard from you.
- Activity p. 14
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 7. You really mustn't stay up so late. You are always so tired.
 8. This is an individual assignment. You mustn't work with anyone else.
 9. You don't have to buy a new phone every year, but many people do.
 10. Rebecca mustn't lose confidence. She will get a new job soon.



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Homework writing activity

Can you write a sentence using each of the grammar constructions in the boxes below?

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not allowed to	not supposed to		
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have to			



Homework writing activity

Imagine the world is very different from how it is now. What has changed? What are people allowed to do? What are they not allowed? Is there anything they must do?

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