

Obligations: *must* and *have to* ★★★

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The difference between *must* and *have to* is about meaning, not grammar

A. *Must*: two ways of using it.

When I say *must*, I am ordering something on my authority, and for this reason we mostly use it in these two ways:

1 Saying something we ourselves have to do: *I must...*



I must go, I shall be late.

2 Saying something to help another person: *you must...*



You don't look well, we must go and see a doctor.

B. *Have to*: passing on an order

We use *have to* to tell somebody about something they must do – because it's a rule, or because somebody else said so.



You have to take your shoes off inside the house.

Complete these sentences with the right form of *must* or *have to* (both are correct, but one is more appropriate):

- 1 You _____ see this film, I know you'll love it.
- 2 The deadline is 6 pm, so you _____ finish this stage as fast as you can.
- 3 "I _____ run, I'll miss my train if I don't."
- 4 "We _____ hang our coats up in the hall."
- 5 "You're looking very tired, you _____ look after yourself."
- 6 "I think we _____ wait here."
- 7 "You've got too much to do, you _____ get someone to help you."
- 8 We _____ go and see the manager before starting work.
- 9 "You _____ try some of this paté, it's delicious."
- 10 Military personnel _____ report to the duty officer. (see Note below)

Note:

We use *must* in FROZEN notices:

Hard hats must be worn on site.

All drivers must report to the site office.

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