



MODAL VERBS

obligation - necessity - permission - prohibition - advice



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1.- It's necessary

- You **must** wear a tie in that restaurant.
- I **have to** get up at six every morning.
- You **need to** fill in this form before the interview.
- We **'ve got to** wear a mask in this room.



Remember



must is a modal verb and it is used to show obligation in the present simple only in affirmative sentences.

have to and **need to** are normal verbs and they can show obligation in all tenses. Pay attention to auxiliary verbs!

have got to shows obligation in speaking and in informal writing.



2.- It's not necessary



You **don't have to** wear a suit in the conference.

You **don't need to** show your ID card at the border.

You **needn't** carry your suitcase, the porter will do for you.

don't have to / don't need to

Pay attention to tenses and auxiliary verbs:

She **doesn't have to** get up early.
I **didn't need to** show my passport at the hotel.
You **won't have to** repeat the test.

don't need to (NOT needn't)
for habitual and general necessity)

needn't

it's a modal verb, followed by infinitive without to.

You needn't cook,
we'll eat out.

needn't have + past part. / didn't need to + inf

NEEDN'T + HAVE + (PAST PART)

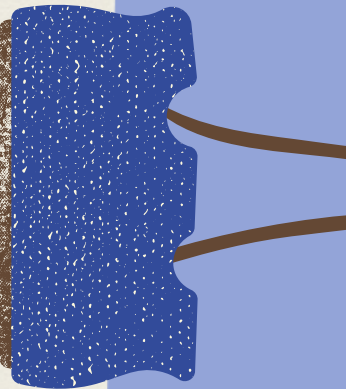
If you say that somebody **needn't have done** something, it means that they did it, but it was unnecessary.

"You **needn't have washed** the dishes because there was a dishwasher in the kitchen" (no tenía que haber)

DIDN'T NEED TO (INFINITIVE)


We use **didn't need to (+ inf)** when we say that sth was not necessary, so nobody did it.

She **didn't need to** buy tomatoes for the salad because there were some left in the fridge (it wasn't necessary to buy them, nobody bought them) (no tuvo que)





3.- It's allowed

- You can / could... (subject + be able to – positive)
 - You are allowed to... (be allowed to)
 - It is permitted to ... (be permitted to)
 - Could /May / Can I?
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4.- It's forbidden - It's not allowed

- You mustn't...
- You can't...
- subject + be able to (negative)
- You aren't supposed to...
- You are not meant to ...
- You aren't allowed to ...
- It is not permitted... (be permitted to)

5.- It's advisable

- **should / shouldn't**
You should cut down on chocolate.

- **ought to / ought not to (oughtn't to)**
He ought not to drive so fast.

REGRETS:

SHOULD (not) HAVE + PAST PART

OUGHT (not) TO HAVE + PAST PART

We should not have accepted his proposal.

- **had better (stronger and more urgent ; strong advice or warning)**

You'd better stay at home if you feel ill.



You are supposed to...
(be supposed to)

You are meant to ...
(be meant to)

**They are used to talk
about rules people should
follow or not but they are
not obeyed**