

# I have to ...

A

This is my medicine. I have to take it three times a day.



**I have to** do something = it is necessary for me to do it, I am obliged to do it

I/we/you/they	have	to do to work
he/she/it	has	to go to wear etc.

- I'll be late for work tomorrow. I **have to go** to the dentist.
- Jane starts work at 7 o'clock, so she **has to get** up at 6.
- You **have to pass** a test before you can get a driving licence.

B

The past (yesterday / last week etc.) is **had to** ... :

- I was late for work yesterday. I **had to go** to the dentist.
- We **had to walk** home last night. There were no buses.

C

In questions and negatives we use **do/does** (present) and **did** (past):

present

<b>do</b>	I/we/you/they	<b>have to ... ?</b>	I/we/you/they	<b>don't</b>	<b>have to ...</b>
<b>does</b>	he/she/it		he/she/it	<b>doesn't</b>	

past

<b>did</b>	I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>have to ... ?</b>	I/we/you/they he/she/it	<b>didn't have to ...</b>
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- What time **do** you **have to go** to the dentist tomorrow?
- Does** Jane **have to work** on Sundays?
- Why **did** they **have to leave** the party early?

**I don't have to** (do something) = it is not necessary to do it:

- I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to get** up early.
- Ian **doesn't have to work** very hard. He's got an easy job.
- We **didn't have to wait** very long for the bus – it came in a few minutes.

D

**must** and **have to**

You can use **must** or **have to** when you say what *you* think is necessary, when you give *your* opinion:

- It's a fantastic film. You **must** see it. or You **have to** see it.

When you are *not* giving your personal opinion, use **have to** (*not must*). Compare:

- Jane won't be at work this afternoon. She **has to go** to the doctor.  
(this is not my personal opinion – it is a fact)
- Jane isn't well. She doesn't want to go to the doctor, but I told her she **must go**.  
(this is my personal opinion)

# Exercises

**33.1** Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **has to** + these verbs:

do hit read speak travel ~~wear~~

- 1 My eyes are not very good. I have to wear glasses.
- 2 At the end of the course all the students ..... a test.
- 3 Sarah is studying literature. She ..... a lot of books.
- 4 Albert doesn't understand much English. You ..... very slowly to him.
- 5 Kate is often away from home. She ..... a lot in her job.
- 6 In tennis you ..... the ball over the net.

**33.2** Complete the sentences. Use **have to** or **had to** + these verbs:

answer buy change go ~~walk~~

- 1 We had to walk home last night. There were no buses.
- 2 It's late. I ..... now. I'll see you tomorrow.
- 3 I went to the supermarket after work yesterday. I ..... some food.
- 4 This train doesn't go all the way to London. You ..... at Bristol.
- 5 We did an exam yesterday. We ..... six questions out of ten.

**33.3** Complete the questions. Some are present and some are past.

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| 1 I have to get up early tomorrow. | What time <u>do you have to get up</u> ? |
| 2 George had to wait a long time.  | How long ..... ?                         |
| 3 Lisa has to go somewhere.        | Where ..... ?                            |
| 4 We had to pay a lot of money.    | How much ..... ?                         |
| 5 I have to do some work.          | What exactly ..... ?                     |

**33.4** Write sentences with **don't/doesn't/didn't have to** ...

- 1 Why are you going out? You don't have to go out.
- 2 Why is Sue waiting? She .....
- 3 Why did you get up early? You .....
- 4 Why is Paul working so hard? He .....
- 5 Why do you want to leave now? We .....

**33.5** Which is correct? Sometimes **must** and **have to** are both correct. Sometimes only one is correct.

- 1 It's a fantastic film. You must see / have to see it. (both are correct)
- 2 Jessica won't be at work this afternoon. She ~~must go~~ / has to go to the doctor. (has to go is correct)
- 3 You can't park your car here for nothing. You must pay / have to pay.
- 4 I didn't have any money with me last night, so I must borrow / had to borrow some.
- 5 I eat too much chocolate. I really must stop / have to stop.
- 6 Paul is in a hurry. He must meet / has to meet somebody in five minutes.
- 7 What's wrong? You must tell / have to tell me. I want to help you.

**33.6** Write some things that you (or your friends or family) have to do or had to do.

- 1 (every day) I have to travel ten miles every day.
- 2 (every day) .....
- 3 (yesterday) .....
- 4 (tomorrow) .....