



## Modal Verbs of Obligation Exercise

A Check through the different uses.

TYPE	USE	MODAL VERB	EXAMPLES	NOTES
1	obligation	<b>have to</b> <b>must</b>	María <b>has to</b> go to Rome You <b>must</b> see a doctor	<b>Must</b> expresses more urgency than <b>have to</b>
			She <b>had to</b> see a doctor	<b>Must</b> is only used in the present simple. "It's your choice"
2	no obligation	<b>don't have to</b>	He <b>doesn't have to</b> go	
3	prohibition	<b>mustn't</b>	You <b>mustn't</b> insult people	
4	recommendation	<b>should</b> <b>ought to</b>	You <b>shouldn't</b> eat so quickly You <b>ought to</b> phone her	<b>Ought to</b> is not used in the negative

B Decide which type of modal verb goes with each sentence and then fill the gaps with **have to**, **must**, **ought** or **should**. When you see **NEGATIVE**, the modal verb must be in a negative form.

TYPE

- 1  If you want to lose weight, you ..... eat pasta, potatoes, white bread or white rice. **NEGATIVE**
- 2  It's alright. You ..... come to Muriel's wedding if you don't want to. **NEGATIVE**
- 3  Stupid boy! You ..... play with matches! **NEGATIVE**
- 4  I haven't heard from Eleonora for ages. Maybe I ..... give her a ring.
- 5  You ..... remember your passport. Otherwise they won't let you on the plane.
- 6  The weather forecast says this weekend will be fine. We ..... go on a picnic.
- 7  You ..... go there on your own. It's extremely dangerous. **NEGATIVE**
- 8  You ..... come if you don't feel like it. **NEGATIVE**
- 9  You ..... take life so seriously. Relax a bit. **NEGATIVE**
- 10  Orange juice in cartons has no goodness in it at all. You ..... make it yourself.
- 11  You ..... drink and drive. **NEGATIVE**
- 12  These instructions are difficult to follow. They ..... to explain things better.

C Now make up some examples of your own.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....





## Answers

- 1 If you want to lose weight, you shouldn't eat pasta, potatoes, white bread or white rice.
- 2 It's alright. You don't have to come to Muriel's wedding if you don't want to.
- 3 Stupid boy! You mustn't play with matches!
- 4 I haven't heard from Eleonora for ages. Maybe I should give her a ring.
- 5 You must remember your passport. Otherwise they won't let you on the plane.
- 6 The weather forecast says this weekend will be fine. We should go on a picnic.
- 7 You mustn't go there on your own. It's extremely dangerous.
- 8 You don't have to come if you don't feel like it.
- 9 You shouldn't take life so seriously. Relax a bit.
- 10 Orange juice in cartons has no goodness in it at all. You should make it yourself.
- 11 You mustn't drink and drive.
- 12 These instructions are difficult to follow. They ought to explain things better.

