

Modal Verbs of Obligation Exercise

A Check through the different uses.

TYPE	USE	MODAL VERB	EXAMPLES	NOTES
1	obligation	have to must	Maria has to go to Rome You must see a doctor She had to see a doctor	Must expresses more urgency than have to Must is only used in the present simple. "It's your choice"
2	no obligation	don't have to	He doesn't have to go	
3	prohibition	mustn't	You mustn't insult people	
4	recommendation	should ought to	You shouldn't eat so quickly You ought to phone her	Ought to 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 You haven't heard from Eleonora for ages. Maybe you 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.

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- 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.
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