

must / mustn't

Focus: must / mustn't for rules and signs; mustn't vs don't have to; need to

GRAMMAR: MUST / MUSTN'T

Rules: You **must** wear a helmet here. · Not allowed: You **mustn't** smoke here.

must = my rule, very important · **have to** = an outside rule (the company, a sign)

mustn't = don't do it · **don't have to** = no need · softer: You **need to** book early.

1 Complete with must or mustn't.

Example: You _____ wear gloves in the kitchen. It's the rule. → *must*

1. Staff _____ smoke near the fire exit.
2. All visitors _____ get a badge at reception.
3. You _____ be late for the interview. Arrive ten minutes early.
4. Drivers _____ use a mobile phone in the car.
5. We _____ forget the safety meeting at three.
6. You _____ report every accident, big or small.
7. Nurses _____ clean their hands many times a day.
8. You _____ open this door. The alarm will start.

2 Choose the correct words.

Example: You _____ pay for lunch. The canteen is free. (*mustn't / don't have to*) → *don't have to*

1. You _____ take photos in the warehouse. It's forbidden. (*mustn't / don't have to*)
2. Shop staff _____ wear a suit. A clean shirt is fine. (*mustn't / don't have to*)
3. I _____ finish this report tonight. The deadline is at midnight. (*don't have to / must*)
4. You _____ book a day off two weeks before. It's the rule. (*mustn't / need to*)
5. We _____ use the lift today. There is a 'Broken' sign on it. (*mustn't / don't have to*)
6. Lena _____ work on Saturdays. Her contract says Monday to Saturday. (*doesn't have to / has to*)
7. You _____ bring lunch. There's a canteen. (*don't have to / mustn't*)
8. You _____ eat in the warehouse. Go to the canteen. (*don't have to / mustn't*)

ANSWER KEY

1 1 mustn't, 2 must, 3 mustn't, 4 mustn't, 5 mustn't, 6 must, 7 must, 8 mustn't 2 1 mustn't, 2 don't have to, 3 must, 4 need to, 5 mustn't, 6 has to, 7 don't have to, 8 mustn't