



Modal Verbs

“Have to” and “Used to”

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Modal verbs in this lesson: **have to, used to**

Have to

We use '**have/has to**' to describe something we need to do (an obligation):

- I **have to** go to school tomorrow. (= I must go to school tomorrow.)
- You **have to** go home now. (= You must go home now.)
- He **has to** go to work now. (= He must go to work now.)

'**Have to**' is short for '**have** something **to** do'.

To negate '**have to**', put '**do/does not**' in front of it:

- I **don't have to** go to school tomorrow.
- You **don't have to** go home yet.
- He **doesn't have to** go to work yet.



Note that '**don't have to**' does *not* mean the same thing as '**must not**'.

'**Mustn't**' means that you *absolutely should not do something*.

'**Don't have to**' simply makes something *optional*.

- You **mustn't** go to school tomorrow. (= Don't go to school tomorrow!)
- You **don't have to** go to school tomorrow. (= You are sick. You can go to school if you want, but it is OK if you don't.)
- You **mustn't** go home yet. (= Don't go home yet!)
- You **don't have to** go home yet. (= You can go home if you want, but it is OK to stay here longer.)



Used to

We use '**used to**' to talk about a habit or a situation that existed in the past:

- I **used to** smoke. (= Now I don't smoke.)
- She **used to** be rich. (= She is not rich now.)
- There **used to** be a house here. (= The house is not here now.)

To negate '**used to**', put '**didn't**' in front of it, and remove letter '**d**' from '**used**':

- I **didn't use to** smoke. (= I smoke now)
- She **didn't use to** be rich. (= She is rich now)
- There **didn't use to** be a house here. (= Now there is a house here)

Tip: You will see both "didn't use to" and "didn't **used** to" in major English-language publications. However, you may want to use "didn't use to" to be safe.



Exercise 2 – Ordering

Put the words into the correct order.

Example: We have don't to that read book. → We don't have to read that book.

Content:

1. We go to have to school day every.
2. to used I stay up late night at.
3. We play to used basketball after school.
4. I my room to clean have.
5. I to use didn't eat breakfast.
6. has He to be home ten by.
7. This hotel famous use to be didn't.
8. I to go have don't with you.



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: sleep 8 hours a day. → I have to/used to sleep 8 hours a day.

Content:

1. have a dog.
2. exercise.
3. do my homework.
4. travel a lot.
5. cry a lot.
6. play outside often.