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need 的助动词用法:

- He *need not go*.
- He *doesn't need to go*.
- You *needn't go* too deep into grammar if you're not an English teacher.
- *Need* you *be* in such a hurry?
- You *needn't do* it now.
- You *needn't have woken* me up. ※ [表示 “本来不必”]
- It *needn't be* a real problem. ※ [表示 “不见得 / 不一定”]

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对比:

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concern 的用法:

- He has expressed **concern** over this issue. [不可数名词, 表主观看法(担心)]
- Joe Biden is yet to address voters' **concerns** over the pandemic. [可数名词, 表主观看法(担心)]
- She always has **concern** for the poor. [不可数名词, 表主观看法(关心)]
- This is not my **concern**. [可数名词, 意思类似 business]
- This story **concerns** a princess and seven dwarfs. [及物动词, 表 “关于”]
- This issue **concerns** all. [及物动词, 表 “影响”]

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as/so long as 的用法:

as ... as...

- This ship is four times **as big as** that one.
- This ship is **not so big as** that one.
- You can keep the book **as long as** you like.

表示“只要”的连词:

- **As long as** you love me, I'll love you.
- You can take this book **so long as** you return it on time.

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as/so long as 的副词性从句用法:

◆ 表示 “只要” :

- *As long as* you keep on, you'll succeed.
- You can take this book away *as long as* you return it on time.

◆ 表示 “既然、因为” :

- *As long as* you have gone this far, you shouldn't quit.
- You can keep this book *as long as* you love it so much.



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The general answer is “speaker preference” and “local usage,” but there really is a useful difference in meaning. “So long as” can carry a sense of contingency. “So long as the job is interesting to you” carries the implication that it will probably cease to be interesting soon, while “as long as the job is interesting” is fully open-ended; it might continue to be interesting forever. You can achieve the same effect, and more clearly, by tacking “only” onto the beginning of either phrase. “Only as long as he keeps treating you with respect” and “only so long as he keeps treating you with respect” are both contingent; but I think “so” still carries a hint of inevitability that this period is bound to end sooner or later.

But maybe I'm the only one who hears the phrases that way.

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◆ 对比:

- ***As long as*** the job is interesting to you, you should keep doing it.
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