

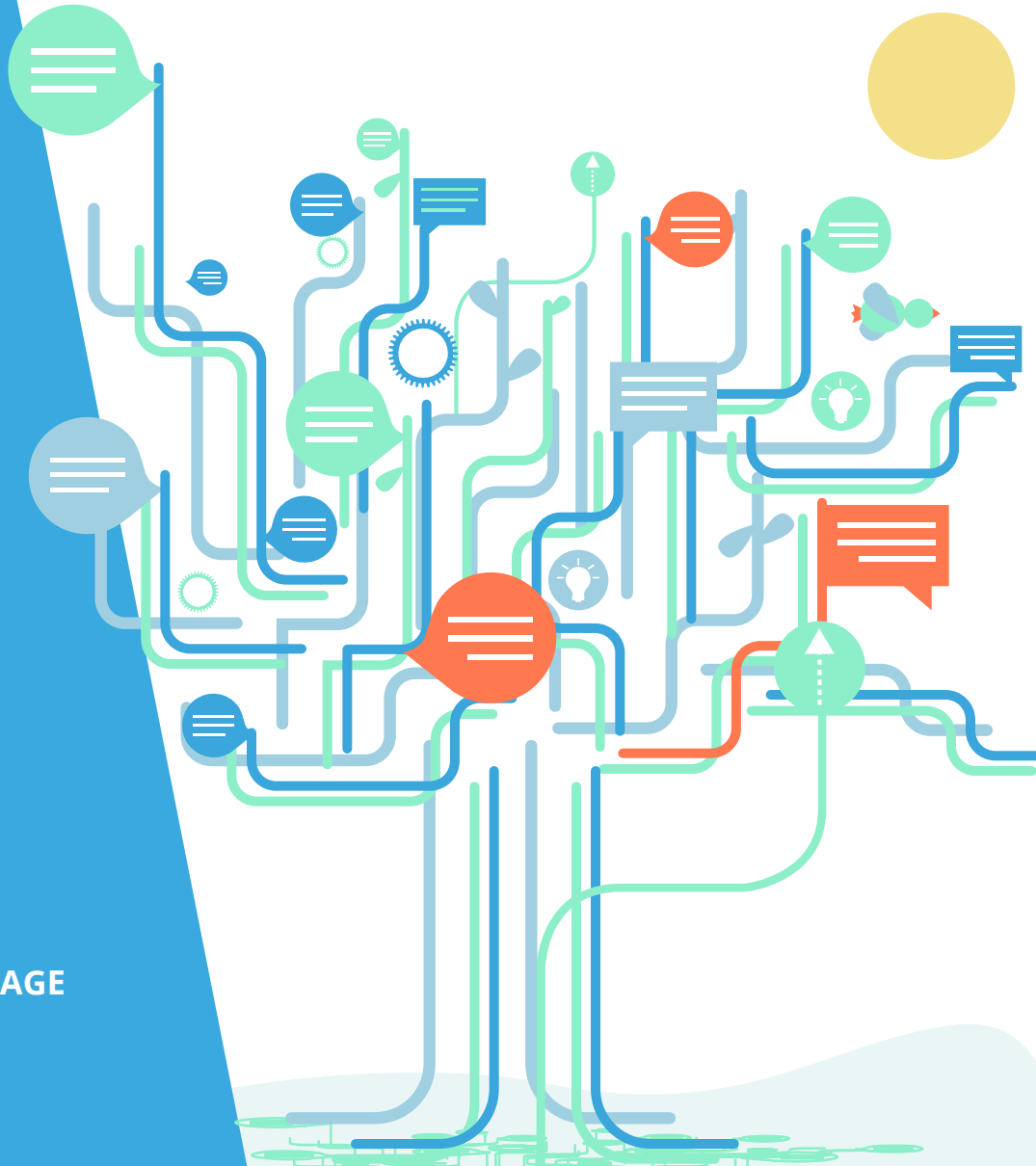
# Modal verbs of obligation

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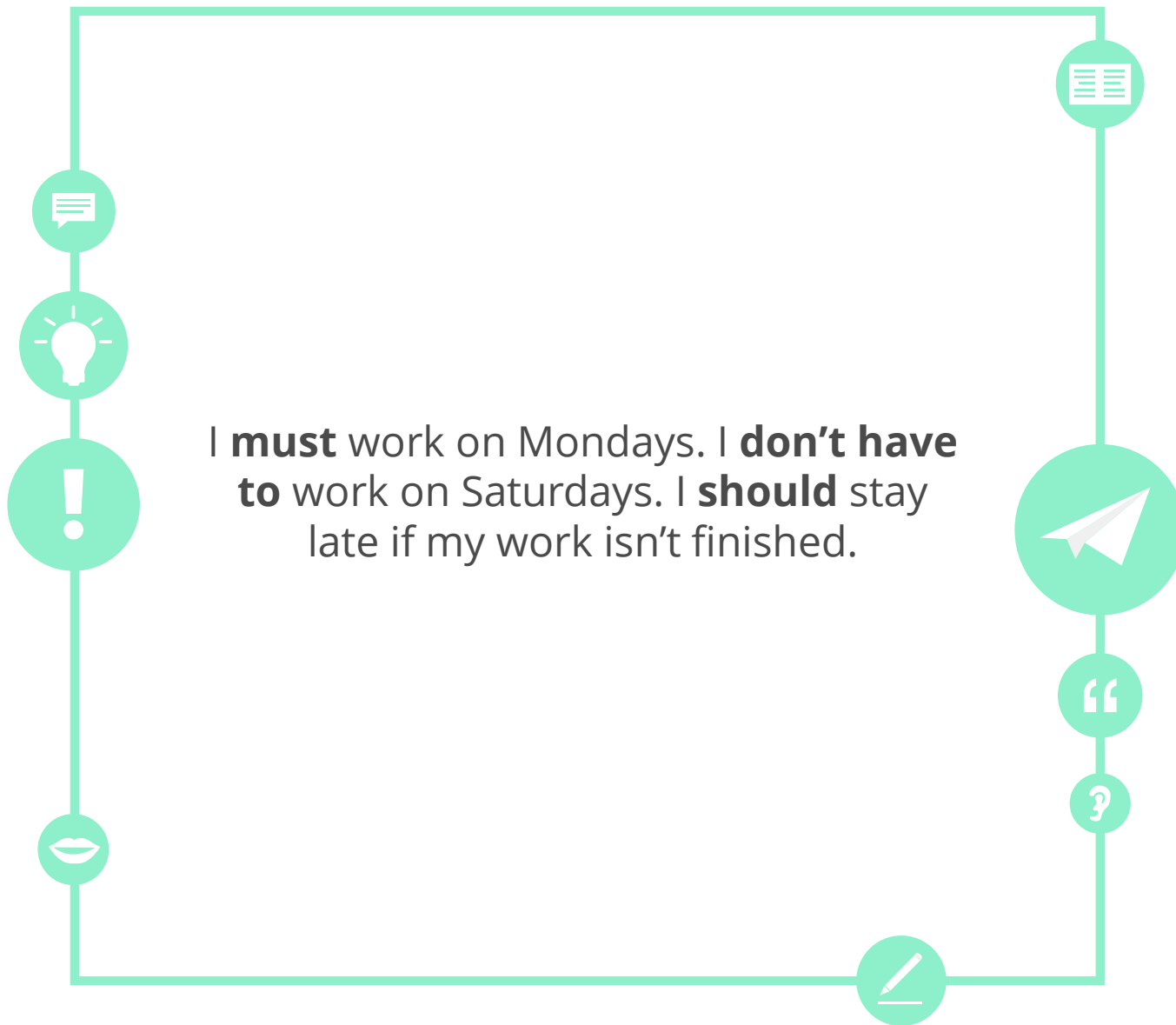


## Goals

- Can distinguish between the use of 'don't have to', 'mustn't' and 'shouldn't'.
- Can use the modal verbs of obligation and prohibition correctly in a simple sentence.



I **must** work on Mondays. I **don't have to** work on Saturdays. I **should** stay late if my work isn't finished.



must



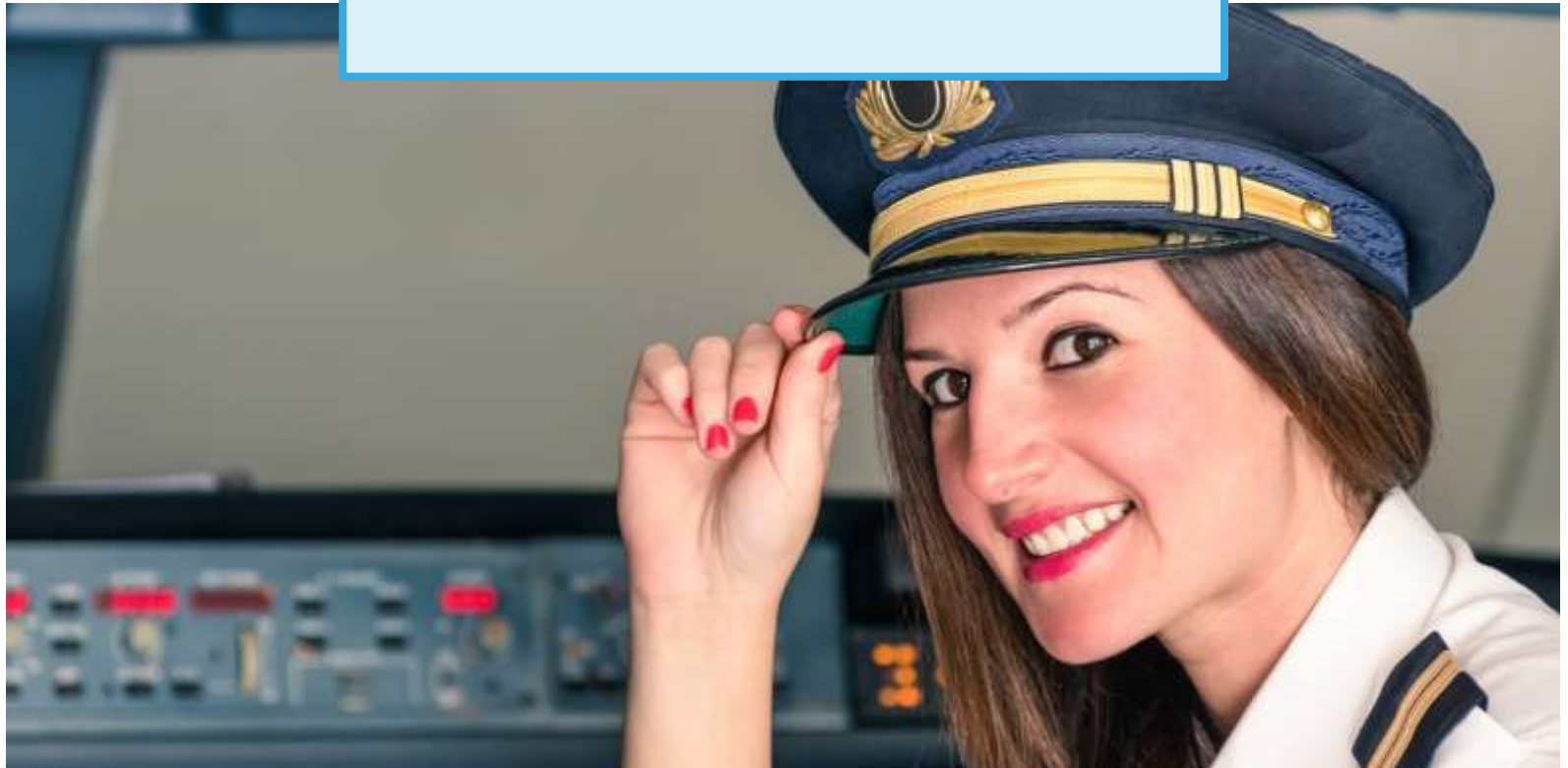
Doctors **must** have a university degree.

have to



Mechanics **have to** know how to fix cars.

should



Airlines **should** employ more women pilots.



## Is it an obligation or advice?

*Must* and *to have to* mean an obligation. It is not your choice. We use *should* to give advice or an opinion. This is not an obligation.

obligation	advice or opinion
My car is broken. I <b>must</b> take a taxi instead.	You <b>should</b> take a taxi if you want to avoid sitting in traffic.
You can't leave your child at home unattended. You <b>have to</b> hire a babysitter.	You <b>should</b> hire my babysitter. My children think she's a lot of fun.



## Positive structures

- *Should* and *must* don't change for different subjects. *Have to* does change for different subjects.
- We follow all three verbs with another base verb without *to* or *-ing*.

subject	modal verb of obligation	another base verb
I, you, we, they	<b>have to</b>	lose weight.
she, he, it	<b>has to</b>	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	<b>must</b>	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	<b>should</b>	lose weight.





## *Must and have to*



*Must* and *have to* are very similar. However, we use *must* when **we** think it is an obligation and we use *have to* when **someone** tells us it is an obligation.

**I must finish my homework before I go out.**

Because I will not have fun if I don't.

**I have to finish my homework before I go out.**

Because my mum told me I have to.



## Is it an obligation or advice?

1. He has to work on weekdays.

**a. obligation**

**b. advice**

2. I must finish my homework.

**a. obligation**

**b. advice**

3. She should work this Saturday because she wants to take a holiday next week.

**a. obligation**

**b. advice**



## Fill in the blanks

1. I have a test tomorrow. I \_\_\_\_\_ study tonight so I don't fail it.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the test to get into my first choice university.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ take a break because I'm tired and then come back and study some more later.
4. I have \_\_\_\_\_ be at the test at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.



**have**

**to**

**should**

**must**



## ***Must or have to***

**Choose *must* or *have to* to fill in the blanks. Tell your teacher why you chose each one.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ buy Ellie a present today. I will feel bad if I forget.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ finish my assignment for tomorrow or my teacher will be angry.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ wear a uniform to school.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ get a hair cut before the party. I look terrible!
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ be at work at 9am every day.





# What must you do? What do you have to do? What should you do?

I must...

I should...

I have to...

Why?



## Is it allowed or forbidden?

- *Must not* means something is forbidden. It is not your choice.
- *Should not* is advice or an opinion. It is your choice but it is not recommended.
- *Do not have to* means it is not an obligation. It is your choice.

forbidden	not recommended	allowed
You <b>must not</b> smoke in the office.	You <b>should not</b> smoke. It's bad for your health.	You <b>do not have to</b> eat that if you don't like it.
I <b>must not</b> drive over the speed limit.	I <b>should not</b> drive into the city during rush hour.	I <b>do not have to</b> drive my car. I can take the bus instead.



## Negative structures

- *Should not* and *must not* can be contracted.
- *To have to* needs *do not* or *does not* in the negative.
  - *Do not* and *does not* can be contracted.

subject	negative modal verb of obligation	another base verb
I, you, we, they	<b>do not have to (don't have to)</b>	lose weight.
she, he, it	<b>does not have to (doesn't have to)</b>	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	<b>must not (mustn't)</b>	lose weight.
I, she, he, it, you, we, they	<b>should not (shouldn't)</b>	lose weight.



## Fill in the blanks

1. There is a law that forbids smoking in this restaurant. I \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in this restaurant.

- a. shouldn't**      **b. don't have to**      **c. doesn't have to**      **d. mustn't**

2. There is no law that forbids smoking in this restaurant but I know it bothers some people when I smoke in a restaurant. I \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in any restaurant.

- a. shouldn't**      **b. don't have to**      **c. doesn't have to**      **d. mustn't**

3. I know people smoke in that restaurant. I don't like eating in a restaurant where people smoke. I \_\_\_\_\_ eat in that restaurant. I can eat in a restaurant that doesn't allow smoking.

- a. shouldn't**      **b. don't have to**      **c. doesn't have to**      **d. mustn't**





## Is it a choice or not?

It's a choice.

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It's not a choice.

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You must pay taxes.

I don't have to work on Saturdays.

We should see a film this weekend.

He doesn't have to play football.

You mustn't swim right after you eat.

He mustn't steal a car.

She has to wake up early to get to work on time.

I should get more exercise.

You have to get a job after you graduate.

They shouldn't watch so much TV.



## Choose the correct option



**mustn't**

**have to**

Tony! I just got a new job in your office. You \_\_\_\_\_ give me some advice.

**shouldn't**

**must**

Oh, all my jeans are old. I \_\_\_\_\_ buy some new ones.

**Should**

**Mustn't**

Yes, I am. \_\_\_\_\_ I bring something?

**shouldn't**

**must**

Ok. I know I \_\_\_\_\_ ever be late for work things. Thanks, Tony.

Oh alright. Well, we \_\_\_\_\_ wear smart clothes – you can wear jeans if you want.

Are you going to the party for work on Friday? You really \_\_\_\_\_ come.

No, don't bring anything. You \_\_\_\_\_ be late though – the boss hates it when people are late.

**don't have to**

**should**

**shouldn't**

**should**

**don't have to**

**mustn't**



## About you

Using the dialogue on the previous page to help you, tell your teacher about obligations in your workplace or where you study.





## Look at the pictures

Use modal verbs to talk about obligations and advice or things that are allowed or forbidden in these pictures.



They don't have to smoke but they can.





## Use modal verbs to talk about your health

to lose weight

to go to the doctor

to

to gain weight

to get more exercise

smoke

to go jogging

to go for a walk

to go to the gym

to play sports

to eat healthier



## What must they do?

Use *should*, *must*, and *have to* (and *shouldn't*, *mustn't*, and *don't/doesn't have to*) to talk about the job requirements for these people.



teacher

doctor

mechanic

receptionist

waiter

chef

artist

actor

driver



## Lay down the rules!

- Pretend you are the parent and tell your teenager what the rules are. What are they forbidden to do? What are they allowed to do?
- Pretend you are the boss and tell your new employee what the job requirements are. What must they do? What should they do?
- Pretend you are the teacher and tell your students what the rules are in your classroom.





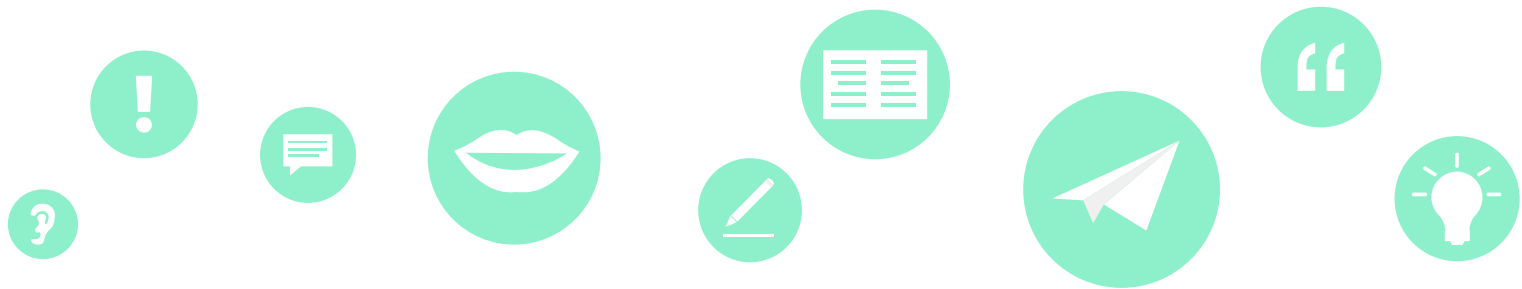
## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



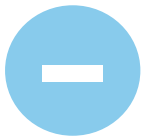
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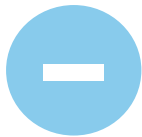
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If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

**Exercise p. 10:** 1. a 2. a 3. b

**Exercise p. 11:** 1. must 2. have 3. should 4. to

**Exercise p. 12:** 1. must, 2. have to, 3. have to, 4. must, 5. have to

**Exercise p. 16:** 1. d 2. a 3. b

**Exercise p. 17:** It's a choice: I don't have to work on Saturdays. We should see a

movie this weekend. He doesn't have to play football. I should get more exercise.

They shouldn't watch so much TV. It's not a choice: You must pay taxes. You

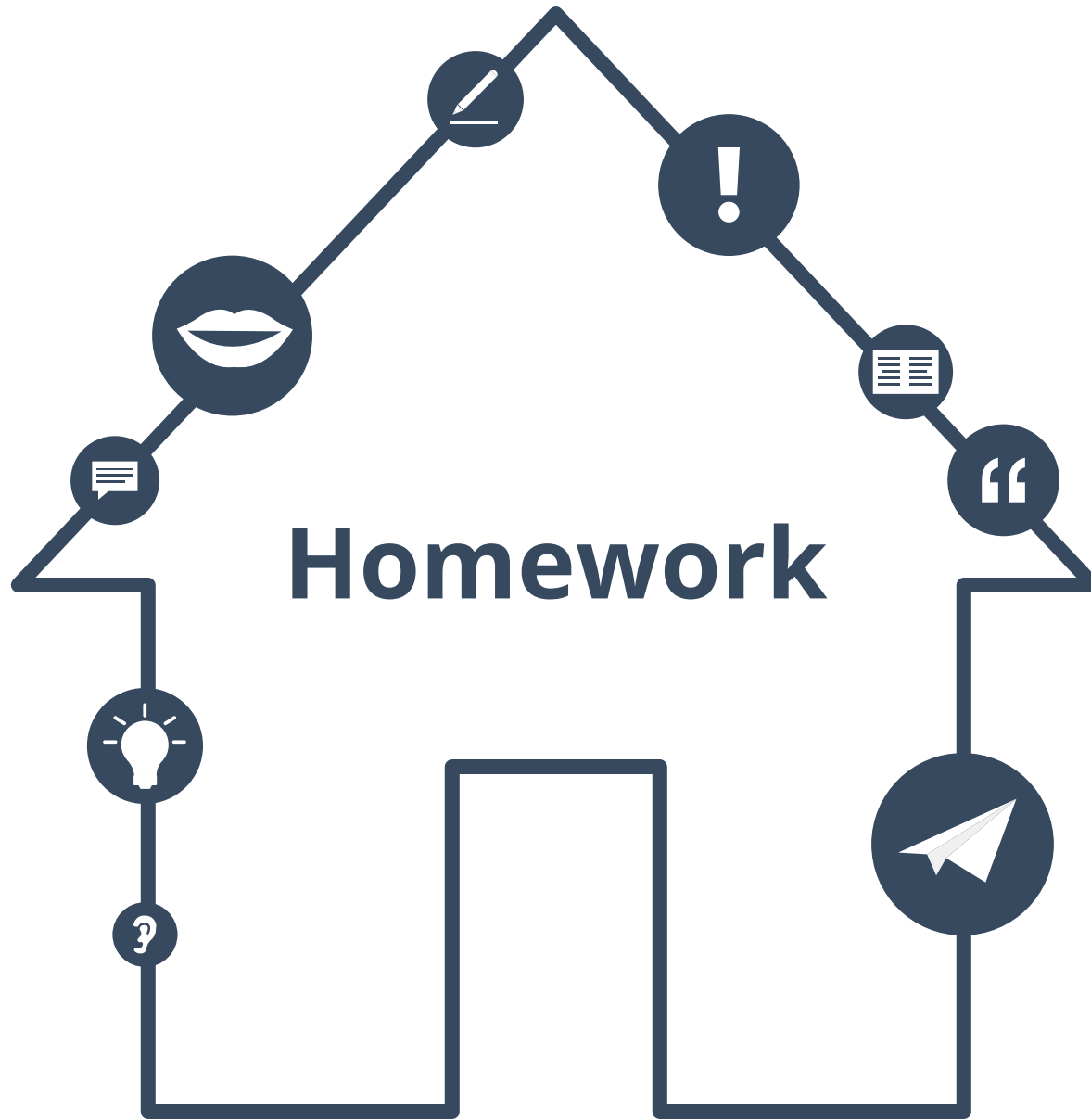
mustn't swim right after you eat. He mustn't steal a car. She has to wake up early to

get to work on time. You have to get a job after you graduate.

**Exercise p. 18:** have to, don't have to, must, should, mustn't, shouldn't

**Exercise p. 20:** Examples: You mustn't smoke. The dad must be quiet/He mustn't

move. They don't have to wear uniforms.





## Complete the table

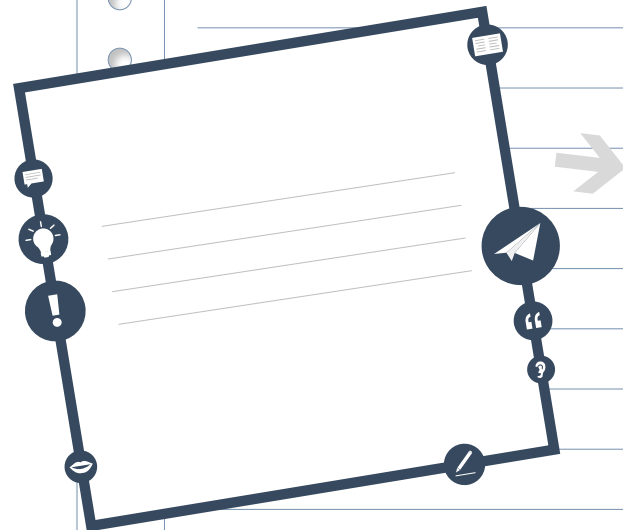
must	must not	_____
should	_____	shouldn't
_____	does not have to	doesn't have to
have to	do not have to	_____





## Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3  
and find examples of  
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.  
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text  
that are examples of the  
grammar topic of the lesson.



## Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.  
Copy them and write them about you and a friend.**



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Examples:

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I must not smoke in this restaurant.

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→ We must not smoke in this restaurant.

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I have to study for a test.

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→ We have to study for a test.

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## Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...  
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

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## Homework answer key

Exercise p. 23: mustn't, should not, has to, don't have to





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