

Modals: Of Necessity

FORM:

must + main verb

have to + main verb

have got to + main verb

USE:

MUST, HAVE TO and **HAVE GOT TO** are all used to say that something is necessary, or to indicate obligation. **HAVE TO** and **HAVE GOT TO** are phrasal modals, so they change to agree with the subject. **MUST NOT** indicates prohibition. However, **DO NOT HAVE TO** simply means that something is not necessary. It is not a prohibition.

EXAMPLES:

You must have a passport to enter a foreign country.

She must pay a fine if she's caught for speeding.

*Travelers must not carry weapons or dangerous items on an airplane.
(prohibition)*

He has to pay his rent on the first day of every month.

I have got to pass the test to get my driver's license.

You don't have to eat the soup if you don't like it. (not a prohibition)

Choose the best MODAL to complete each sentence.

1. There is a snow storm today, so you (*don't have to / must not*) go to school.
2. I taught my son that he (*must not / doesn't have to*) take something without paying for it.
3. Ben's doctor told him that he (*has got to / doesn't have to*) lose weight because of his diabetes.
4. If you want to travel to Europe, you (*don't have to / must*) save money for the flight.

Intermediate 2 – Exercise 45 – Modals: Of Necessity

*Write sentences about 2 things that are **necessary** for you to do, and 2 that are **NOT necessary** for you.*

Necessary:

1. _____

2. _____

Not Necessary:

3. _____

4. _____