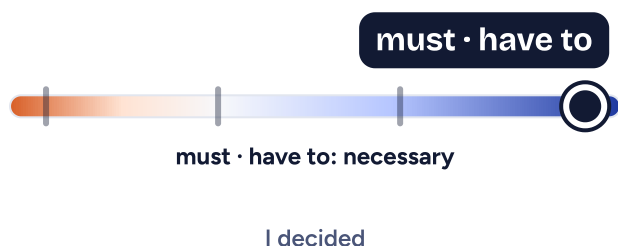


Must vs Have To

In the positive they're very close. **Must** often shows the speaker's own feeling or a written rule: / *must call my mum. Passengers must wear seatbelts.* **Have to** shows an obligation from outside: / *have to wear a uniform at work.* In the past, only **had to** works.

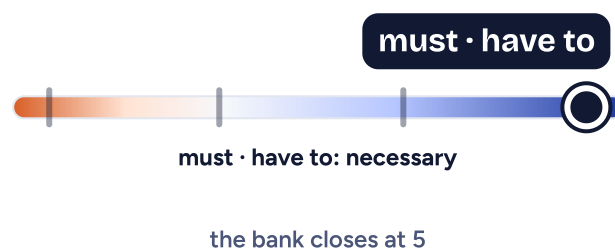
MUST · I DECIDE, OR A WRITTEN RULE

I **must** call my mum. It's her birthday.



HAVE TO · A RULE FROM OUTSIDE

I **have to** call the bank before 5.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- Yesterday I _____ wait two hours for the bus.
a) must b) had to
- _____ I have to fill in this form?
a) Do b) Must
- Will we _____ pay for parking?
a) must b) have to
- You _____ leave yet. Stay for dessert!
a) mustn't b) don't have to
- When I was at school, we _____ wear a uniform.
a) had to b) must

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I must work late yesterday.

2. Do I must bring anything?

3. She musts leave now.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **Must** and one with **Have to**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/must-vs-have-to

Must vs Have To

1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) had to** Must has no past form: had to.
2. **a) Do** Questions with have to use do.
3. **b) have to** Must has no future form: will have to.
4. **b) don't have to** Not necessary: don't have to.
5. **a) had to** Past obligation: had to.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **I had to work late yesterday.** Must has no past form: had to.
2. **Do I have to bring anything?** Questions with do take have to.
3. **She must leave now.** Modals never take -s.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.