Must, Have To and Should — Worksheet

30 exercises · Level B1–B2 · Answer key on the last page Free for classroom use

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. Visitors _____ at reception when they arrive.
   a) must to sign in b) must signing in c) must sign in d) musts sign in

2. You _____ more water when it's this hot.
   a) should to drink b) should drink c) should drinking d) shoulds drink

3. My sister _____ get up at five because her shift starts at six.
   a) have to b) must to c) has d) has to

4. Last night we _____ wait an hour for a taxi.
   a) must b) had to c) have to d) musted

5. _____ your brother _____ wear a uniform at school?
   a) Does … have to b) Does … has to c) Do … have to d) Is … have to

6. He _____ work tomorrow — it's his day off.
   a) don't have to b) doesn't has to c) hasn't to d) doesn't have to

7. Next month the office opens earlier, so we _____ start work at eight.
   a) will have to b) will must c) will has to d) will have

8. You _____ eat so much sugar — it's bad for your teeth.
   a) don't should b) shouldn't c) shouldn't to d) not should

9. Why _____ she _____ leave so early yesterday?
   a) did … had to b) does … have to c) did … have to d) was … had to

10. You _____ tell anyone about this — it's a secret.
    a) don't must b) mustn't to c) not must d) mustn't

11. Phones aren't allowed in the exam room, so you _____ bring yours in.
    a) don't have to b) mustn't c) must d) don't must

12. The museum is free, so visitors _____ buy a ticket.
    a) mustn't b) doesn't have to c) don't have to d) don't must

13. You look exhausted. I think you _____ to bed early tonight.
    a) should go b) should to go c) mustn't go d) don't have to go

14. It's very late. I don't think you _____ call him now — he'll be asleep.
    a) shouldn't b) should to c) don't should d) should

15. The test was easy, so I _____ study much the night before.

a) mustn't b) didn't have to c) don't have to d) didn't must

16. This book is brilliant — you really _____ read it!

a) must b) mustn't c) must to d) don't have to

17. If the train is late, we might _____ take a taxi.

a) must b) had to c) must to d) have to

18. _____ I _____ bring my passport, or is my ID card enough?

a) Does … have to b) Do … have to c) Must … to d) Am … have to

19. I'm not sure what to do. _____ I _____ for the job in Madrid?

a) Should … to apply b) Must … to apply c) Should … applying d) Should … apply

20. My dad is retired now, so he _____ get up early.

a) mustn't b) don't have to c) doesn't have to d) doesn't has to

21. The library is free, so you _____ pay, but food is banned, so you _____ eat inside.

a) don't have to … mustn't b) mustn't … don't have to c) mustn't … mustn't d) don't have to … don't have to

22. Shh! You _____ wake the baby.

a) don't have to b) doesn't have to c) mustn't d) don't must

23. In this job you _____ wear a suit, but you can if you like.

a) mustn't b) don't have to c) don't must d) doesn't have to

24. I _____ work late yesterday, and I _____ work late again tomorrow.

a) had to … will have to b) must … will have to c) had to … will must d) have to … had to

25. "Do I have to wear a tie at the wedding?" "No, you _____ — it's quite informal."

a) mustn't b) haven't c) don't d) doesn't

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) She must to work on Saturdays.
b) She have to work on Saturdays.
c) She has to work on Saturdays.
d) She musts work on Saturdays.

27. Which sentence is correct?

a) We had to leave early yesterday.
b) We must leave early yesterday.
c) We musted leave early yesterday.
d) We had to left early yesterday.

28. Which question is correct?

a) Do you must start work early?
b) Does you have to start work early?
c) Are you have to start work early?
d) Do you have to start work early?

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) You should to see a doctor about that cough.
b) You should see a doctor about that cough.
c) You should seeing a doctor about that cough.
d) You must to see a doctor about that cough.

30. Which sentence is correct in form and meaning?

a) Tomorrow is a holiday, so we mustn't go to work.
b) Tomorrow is a holiday, so we don't must go to work.
c) Tomorrow is a holiday, so we don't have to go to work.
d) Tomorrow is a holiday, so we doesn't have to go to work.

Answer Key

Must, Have To and Should · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/modal-verbs-must-have-to-should/

1. c) must sign in

Must is followed by the base form without to: must sign in.

2. b) should drink

Should works like must: base form, no to, no ending — should drink.

3. d) has to

Have to is an ordinary verb, so with my sister (she) it becomes has to.

4. b) had to

Last night is in the past, and must has no past form, so the past of an obligation is had to.

5. a) Does … have to

Questions with have to need do / does: your brother is he, so Does … have to.

6. d) doesn't have to

The negative of has to is doesn't have to — does carries the -s, so the verb is have.

7. a) will have to

Must has no future form and can't follow will, so a future obligation is will have to.

8. b) shouldn't

A modal makes its negative by adding not: shouldn't + base form.

9. c) did … have to

Yesterday needs the past, so the question uses did … have to.

10. d) mustn't

The negative of must is mustn't + base form, with no do and no to.

11. b) mustn't

Aren't allowed is a prohibition, so mustn't.

12. c) don't have to

Free means a ticket is not necessary, so don't have to.

13. a) should go

I think you… gives advice, so should go.

14. d) should

With think, negative advice is usually I don't think you should: the not goes with think.

15. b) didn't have to

The test is in the past and studying was not necessary, so didn't have to.

16. a) must

Here the speaker strongly recommends the book, and must + base form expresses that.

17. d) have to

Two modals can't stand together, so might must is impossible: after might, will or may use have to.

18. b) Do … have to

The usual question about what is necessary is Do … have to…?

19. d) Should … apply

To ask for advice, put Should before the subject and keep the base form: Should I apply…?

20. c) doesn't have to

A retired person has no work, so getting up early is not necessary: doesn't have to.

21. a) don't have to … mustn't

Free means paying is not necessary — don't have to.

22. c) mustn't

Shh!

23. b) don't have to

You can if you like shows it is your choice, so don't have to — not necessary.

24. a) had to … will have to

Must has no past form and can't follow will, so have to changes tense instead: yesterday takes had to, and after will it is will have to.

25. c) don't

The short answer to Do I have to…?

26. c) She has to work on Saturdays.

Have to changes with the person, so she has to work.

27. a) We had to leave early yesterday.

Must has no past form, so a past obligation takes had to + base form: We had to leave.

28. d) Do you have to start work early?

Questions with have to take do / does: Do you have to start…?

29. b) You should see a doctor about that cough.

Should and must are followed by the base form alone: You should see a doctor.

30. c) Tomorrow is a holiday, so we don't have to go to work.

On a holiday work is not necessary, so we don't have to go.