

MUST – HAVE TO - NEED

I. Must and mustn't:

Must + V_{bare} expresses an **obligation** to do something.

Mustn't + V_{bare} expresses an **obligation NOT** to do something.

Must and **mustn't** can only be used in the **present**. [K-12 Notes] Vì **mustn't** không tồn tại trong quá khứ, nên để diễn tả ý “không được phép” ở quá khứ, ta mượn từ “couldn't”

Example:

Children **must learn** to obey their parents.

You **mustn't smoke** here. This is a non-smoking area.

Your car isn't finished yet. You ~~**will must come**~~ back here tomorrow.

Joe ~~**must come**~~ back home **yesterday** because he had forgotten to bring his ID card.

II. Have to and not have to:

Have to + V_{bare} expresses an **obligation** to do something.

Not have to + V_{bare} expresses an **unnecessity** to do something.

Have to and **Not have to** can be used in the **past**, **present**, or **future**.

Example:

Children **have to learn** to obey their parents.

VIPs **don't have to wait** to enter the bar.

Your car isn't finished yet. You **will have to come** back here tomorrow.

Joe **had to come** back home **yesterday** because he had forgotten to bring his ID card.

We **didn't have to** water the plant because it was raining.

III. Need, not need to, needn't

Need + to V is **the same as have to**

Not need + to V is **the same as not have to**.

Needn't + V_{bare} is the same as not need to, but can only be used in the **present**.

Example:

Children **need to learn** to obey their parents.

VIPs **don't need to wait** to enter the bar.

(= VIPs **needn't wait** to enter the bar.)

Your car isn't finished yet. You **will need to come** back here tomorrow.

Joe **needed to come** back home **yesterday** because he had forgotten to bring his ID card.