

What is Modal Have to?

Worksheet

Have to expresses necessity and obligation. The affirmative is 'Subject + have/has + to + base verb' (I have to work); the negative is 'Subject + don't/doesn't + have to + base verb' (You don't have to attend).

Questions

1. Which sentence uses 'have to' correctly?
A) She have to go to school.
B) She has to go to school.
C) She to have go to school.
D) She have go to school.
2. 'You don't have to attend.' This means...
A) You are forbidden to attend.
B) You must not attend.
C) It's not necessary for you to attend.
D) You will attend.
3. What is the past tense of 'I have to study'?
A) I have to studied.
B) I had to study.
C) I did have to studying.
D) I will have to study.
4. Which is NOT a use of 'have to'?
A) To express duty.
B) To express law or rule.
C) To show permission.
D) To show obligation.
5. I have to finish my homework before dinner.
6. She doesn't have to wear a uniform at her new job.
7. Did you have to wait long at the doctor's office?
8. Define: What does 'have to' express?
9. Define: Form: 'I have to work.' How do you make the negative?
10. Define: Does 'don't have to' mean the same as 'must not'?

Answer Key

1. B) She has to go to school. — 'Has to' is correct with 'she' (3rd person singular). Form: has + to + base verb.
2. C) It's not necessary for you to attend. — 'Don't have to' = not necessary/optional. It doesn't forbid; it just removes obligation.
3. B) I had to study. — Past: 'had to' + base verb. 'I had to study for the exam.'
4. C) To show permission. — 'Permission' is shown by 'can' or 'may', not 'have to'. Have to = necessity.
5. Subject: I Modal: have to (+ base verb) Base verb: finish Tense: Present Meaning: Necessity — it's required/obligatory
6. Subject: She Negative: don't have to + base verb Base verb: wear Meaning: Not necessary, not required, but allowed Note: 'doesn't have to' $\neq$ 'must not'
7. Subject: You Past form: did have to + base verb Base verb: wait Tense: Past Meaning: Was it necessary in the past?
8. Strong necessity and obligation — something you must do.
9. I don't have to work. (Negative = not necessary)
10. No. 'Don't have to' = not necessary. 'Must not' = forbidden.

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