

What is Modal Must for Obligation?

Worksheet

Must for obligation shows that something is necessary or mandatory: I must finish this work today. It's stronger than should and more formal than have to.

Questions

1. Which sentence uses must correctly?
A) You must to finish the homework
B) You must finish the homework
C) You musts finish the homework
D) You must finishing the homework
2. What does 'You must not eat before surgery' mean?
A) It's recommended not to eat
B) It's prohibited to eat
C) You can eat if you want
D) You should try not to eat
3. Choose the strongest obligation:
A) You should eat healthy
B) You have to eat healthy
C) You must eat healthy
D) You might eat healthy
4. How do you express past obligation?
A) I must study yesterday
B) I had to study yesterday
C) I must have studied yesterday
D) I have to study yesterday
5. You must wear a seatbelt while driving.
6. Students must submit their essays by Friday.
7. I must take my medicine every morning.
8. Define: What does modal must express?
9. Define: How do you form must + obligation?
10. Define: What's the negative form of must?

Answer Key

1. B) You must finish the homework — Correct form is 'must + base verb' with no 'to' or '-ing' form.
2. B) It's prohibited to eat — Must not / mustn't expresses strong prohibition — it's not allowed.
3. C) You must eat healthy — Must is the strongest modal for obligation.
4. B) I had to study yesterday — For past obligation, use 'had to', not 'must'.
5. Modal: must Form: must + base verb (wear) Meaning: It is a legal requirement and non-negotiable
6. Modal: must Form: must + base verb (submit) Meaning: Deadline is mandatory, no exception
7. Modal: must Form: must + base verb (take) Meaning: It's necessary for health, non-negotiable
8. Strong obligation, duty, or necessity — something mandatory or non-negotiable
9. must + base verb. Example: You must study. (No 's' after must, never 'musts')
10. must not / mustn't — prohibition. Example: You mustn't smoke here.

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