



MODALS OF OBLIGATION & PERMISSION

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Activity 1 – Choose the Best Modal

Choose the best answer.

1. You **must** / **can** wear a seatbelt in a car.
2. You **mustn't** / **don't have to** smoke here.
3. You **don't have to** / **mustn't** come tomorrow. It's a holiday.
4. Students **can** / **mustn't** use dictionaries during this activity.
5. I **have to** / **can** get up early for work.
6. You **mustn't** / **don't have to** touch that machine. It's dangerous.
7. We **can** / **have to** leave early if we finish our work.
8. Visitors are allowed to / **mustn't** take photos here.

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must / have to

→ **obligation**

don't have to

→ **no obligation**

can / be allowed to

→ **permission**

mustn't

→ **prohibited**

Activity 2 – Complete the Rules

Complete each sentence with: **must – mustn't – have to – don't have to – can**

1. You _____ show your passport at the airport.
2. You _____ park here. It's not allowed.
3. You _____ bring food. There is a restaurant there.
4. Employees _____ wear an ID card at work.
5. You _____ use my computer if you need it.
6. Visitors _____ be quiet in the library.

Activity 3 – What Does It Mean? Match each sentence with its meaning.

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| 1. You must wear a helmet. | A. It is not necessary. |
| 2. You mustn't park here. | B. It is necessary. |
| 3. You don't have to pay. | C. It is prohibited. |
| 4. You can use my phone. | D. You have permission. |
| 5. You have to show your ID. | E. It is a rule. |

Activity 4 – Everyday Rules

Choose one situation: your workplace / your school / your home / a hotel / a gym

Write four rules.

1. You must _____.
2. You mustn't _____.
3. You don't have to _____.
4. You can _____.

Compare your rules with a partner.

ANSWER KEY

Activity 1

1. must
2. mustn't
3. don't have to
4. can
5. have to
6. mustn't
7. can
8. are allowed to

Activity 2

1. have to
2. mustn't
3. don't have to
4. must
5. can
6. must

Activity 3

1. E
2. C
3. A
4. D
5. B

Activity 4

Answers will vary.