

VERBS OF OBLIGATION

OBLIGATION PRESENT: PAST: FUTURE:	I <i>must</i> buy a newspaper. I want to see the football results. I <i>have to</i> buy a paper. My boss asked me to buy one. My father <i>has got to</i> take these pills. Joe <i>had to</i> go to work yesterday. We <i>will have to</i> go there next time.
PROHIBITION	You <i>mustn't</i> drink and drive. You <i>can't</i> park here.
ADVICE	You <i>should / ought to</i> do more physical exercise.
LACK OF OBLIGATION	You <i>don't have to</i> write this composition. It's optional.
PERMISSION	You <i>can/ may</i> go now. We <i>aren't allowed to</i> eat chewing gum in class. <i>Could</i> I use your telephone?

- Complete these sentences with the appropriate modal verb:

1. You _____ wear a seat-belt when you are driving.
2. Don't you know cigarettes are bad for everybody? You _____ stop smoking.
3. _____ I stay out late this evening, mum?
4. You _____ wear a tie, if you don't want to.
5. You _____ open the window if you are hot.
6. _____ you pass the salt, please?
7. They _____ to save their money.
8. You _____ not have your mobile phone on.
9. You _____ cut your hair.
10. Are we _____ to take photographs in the museum?
11. You don't _____ to take your car, I'll drive mine.
12. I'm in a difficult situation. What _____ I do?
13. My brother is a baker. He starts work at 4:30.
What time _____ he _____ get up? At 3:45.
14. Louise _____ hurry up. She doesn't want to be late.
15. Slow down! We don't _____ hurry. We've got lots of time.

- Correct the mistakes:

1. We must to go to bed early tonight.
2. I must study because of the exams last week.
3. I can not have another day off work tomorrow.
4. We ought write a letter of thanks.
5. All the food was free. We don't have to pay.