

OBLIGATION, NECESSITY & PERMISSION

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Compare rules, necessary actions, choices and permission.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Give details and ask a follow-up. You can invent personal details.

A: Do I **have to bring** my own tools to the workshop?

B: No, you **don't have to**. You **must wear** closed shoes, though.

A: That's fine. **Can I take** photos while we're there?

2. RULES IN YOUR LIFE

1. What **do you have to do** before starting work or study each day?
2. What **must** visitors **do** at a place you know?
3. What **don't you have to do** at weekends that you do during the week?
4. Where **can you use** your phone, and where **mustn't you use** it?
5. **Do you need to book** ahead for a favourite activity? Explain.
6. What **can** people **borrow** at your school, workplace or local library?

Keep talking: Is that compulsory? / Are there exceptions? / Who can give permission?

3. WELCOME A NEW PERSON

Explain rules for a real or imagined place. Separate forbidden actions from optional ones.

7. What **mustn't** someone **do** in your classroom or workplace?
8. What **can** a guest **do** in your home without asking first?
9. What **doesn't** a visitor **have to bring** to an event you know?
10. When **do you have to ask** permission before using something?

4. STARTING A NEW ACTIVITY

One person welcomes a newcomer to a club, course or workplace.

Explain two requirements, one forbidden action and one optional action.

The newcomer asks two permission questions. Swap roles.

Example: You **have to sign** in, but you **don't have to bring** your own equipment.

Answer help: You have to ... / You mustn't ... / You don't have to ... / Can I ...?

Remember: Mustn't = forbidden; don't have to = not necessary, but allowed.