

# Summary

Have to	Should	Must
<p>Strong obligation which comes from 'outside', e.g. a law, a rule at school or work, or someone in authority.</p> <p><i>Students <b>have to</b> use blue pen in the final exam.</i></p>	<p>Mild obligation or advice.</p> <p><i>You <b>should</b> take the bus - it's the easiest way to get there.</i></p>	<p>Strong obligation which comes from 'inside' the speaker.</p> <p><i>I <b>must</b> go &amp; get the kids from school.</i></p>
Don't/doesn't have to	Shouldn't	Must
<p>Absence of obligation</p> <p><i>You <b>don't have to</b> do the washing. I've got a washing machine.</i></p>	<p>Negative advice</p> <p><i>I <b>shouldn't</b> let it worry you.</i></p>	<p>Strong suggestion</p> <p><i>We <b>must</b> meet for lunch soon.</i></p>