

## Lesson 13: Have to

Do you remember the 5 things that X-Words do?

- 1) they are used to ask questions,
- 2) they are used to make negative statements
- 3) they are used to find the subject of a sentence
- 4) they are used to change tense
- 5) **they are used to add meaning**

In this lesson we will look at number 5. We will look at a “**modal**” X-Word (**must**) and its sister (**have to**). Modal X-Words modify the meaning of the main verbs that follow them. Have to Vb is our first “semi-modal”

### About “have to” ...

Meaning: **have to** means **must**. **Must** is an X-Word that adds meaning to the main verb that follows it. Both add the meaning of **obligation**.

Examples:

*You must breathe. You have to breathe.*

*You must pay taxes. You have to pay taxes.*

Form: **have to** is like an X-Word because it, too, adds the meaning of obligation to the verb (always BASE) that follows it.

*I learn English. → I have to learn English, or I won't get a good job.*

BUT

**have to** is not like an X-Word because you need to add **do**, **does**, or **did** for negatives and questions.

Use **Have to** is used much more than **must**.

**Have to** has a past tense (**must** does not have a past tense)



**Have to** has a future tense (must doesn't)

**Have to** has a negative form that means no obligation.

**must not** means *prohibition* → *You must not touch the stove, Junior!*

**don't have to** means *no obligation to* → *We don't have to take a test now.*

Variation In the present tense only, sometimes we add "**got**".

Example: *I have got to make dinner now.*

Pronunciation I have to go. → "I hafta go"

I have got to go. → "I've gotta go."

### Lesson 13 Exercise 1

Directions: Mark the verbs and X-Words. Underline have to and have got to. Put a box around the subjects.

Example: I don't <sup>X</sup> have to <sup>Vb</sup> go to school today.

#### Obligations

- 1 You have to have more fun. You worry too much.
- 2 She has to get a job so that she can pay her rent.
- 3 I've got to go to the doctor because I have a fever.
- 4 Do we have to take a quiz today?
- 5 She will have to buy new clothes for her son if he keeps growing.
- 6 Yesterday, I had to go to Immigration because I have a problem with my visa.
- 7 Julio had to take care of his sick father last week.
- 8 We don't have to be on time today.
- 9 Did you have to pay sales tax on that coat?
- 10 You have to understand the 5 uses of X-Words, or you won't pass.

**Lesson 13 Exercise 2** True or false

- 1    \_\_\_\_\_    *Have to* means "can"
- 2    \_\_\_\_\_    *Have to* has a future tense.
- 3    \_\_\_\_\_    *Must* has a future tense.
- 4    \_\_\_\_\_    *Have to* has a past tense.
- 5    \_\_\_\_\_    *Must* has a past tense.
- 6    \_\_\_\_\_    "You must not smoke in this building," means that smoking in this building is not an obligation.

**Lesson 13 Exercise 3** Write three things that you have to do tomorrow.

- 1    \_\_\_\_\_
- 2    \_\_\_\_\_
- 3    \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson 13 Exercise 4** Write three things that you had to do yesterday.

- 1    \_\_\_\_\_
- 2    \_\_\_\_\_
- 3    \_\_\_\_\_

