



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 31 – Must – mustn't – don't need to

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Must – mustn't – don't need to

MUST

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must + infinitive
(must do / must work etc.)

I/We/You/They He/She/It	must	do go see eat etc
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Must –mustn't –don't need to

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- ❖ I **must (do something)** = I need to do it:
 - Ex1: I'm very hungry. I **must eat** something.
 - Ex2: It's a fantastic film. You **must see** it.
 - Ex3: The windows are very dirty. We **must clean** them.

- ❖ For the past (yesterday / last week etc.), we use **had to ...** (not *must*):
 - Ex4: I was very hungry. I **had to** eat something. (*not I must eat*)
 - Ex5: We **had to** walk home last night. There were no buses.
(*not We must walk*)

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MUSTN'T

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I mustn't (do something) = it is necessary not to do it, it is the wrong thing to do:



- Ex6: I must go. I **mustn't be** late.
- Ex7: I **mustn't forget** to phone Chris.
(= I must remember to phone her)
- Ex8: Be happy! You **mustn't be** sad.
(= don't be sad)
- Ex9: You **mustn't touch** the pictures.
(= don't touch the pictures)

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DON'T NEED TO

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- ❖ I **don't need** (to do something) = it is not necessary:
 - Ex10: I **don't need to go** yet. I can stay a little longer.
 - Ex11: You **don't need to shout**. I can hear you OK.
- ❖ You can also say **don't have to ...**
 - EX12: I **don't have to go** yet. I can stay a little longer.
- ❖ Compare **don't need to** and **mustn't**:
 - Ex13: You **don't need to go**. You can stay here if you want.
 - Ex14: You **mustn't go**. You must stay here.