Modal Verbs: Have to, Don't Have to, Must, Must not

have to/has to must	- *I'm working tomorrow morning, so I <u>have to</u> wake up early.* - *My mother is calling me, I <u>must</u> go now.*
don't have to/doesn't have to	- *It's Sunday tomorrow, so I <u>don't have to</u> wake up early.*
must not	- *This is a hospital, you <u>must not</u> smoke here.*

Note: "have to" and "must" have the same meaning, but "don't have to" and "must not" are different. "Don't have to" means not necessary, "must not" means forbidden.

1. Complete the sentences below with the words in the box. Remember that "he", "she", and "it" go with "has to" and "doesn't have to."

have to	don't have to	has to	doesn't have to	must not

a) My boss says I …… come to work on the weekend. I'm not very happy about it.

b) It's a really important meeting, you …… be late!

c) I have a car, so I …… catch the bus.

d) If he wants to pass his test, he …… study hard.

e) She already has two computers, she …… buy another one.

2. Mark and Pamela are at a party. Read the conversation and choose the correct option.

Pamela: Mark, do you want some birthday cake? You <u>must not/don't have to</u> try it if you don't want to, but it's really delicious!

Mark: I'm sorry, I can't. I <u>have to/must not</u> go home now.

Pamela: What? But it's so early! Why do you <u>have to/has to</u> go home so early?

Mark: Because I <u>don't have to/must</u> work tomorrow.

Pamela: But Mark, tomorrow is a public holiday. We <u>must not/don't have to</u> work tomorrow!

Mark: I know. But I work in a cafe and we are open tomorrow, so I <u>have to/has to</u> work.

Pamela: Oh that's too bad. Is your boss working tomorrow too?

Mark: No, there will not be many customers tomorrow, so he <u>doesn't have to/must not.</u>

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3. Read the sentences and make a follow-up sentence with the verb in brackets.

a) I am working tomorrow at 8am.

E.g ____*I have to wake up at 6 am.* _____(wake up)

b) Winter is coming and I don't have a jacket.

_____(buy)

c) Sarah's house is dirty, and her friends are coming to her house for dinner tonight.

_____(clean)

d) It's Sunday tomorrow, so I don't have classes.

_____(go to school)

e) Mark is not hungry.

_____(eat)

f) This email is very important.

_____(delete)

g) I work from home.

_____(drive to work)

h) My girlfriend's birthday is next week.

_____(forget)

i) Sarah is very sick.

_____(stay at home)

4. Rewrite the sentences using modal verbs. More than one answer may be possible.

a) It's very important that I call him back before Thursday.

Eg. *I have to call him back before Thursday*

b) It is not necessary for you to bring something to my party.

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c) It is very important for Margaret to take her medicine every day.

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d) This is a highway, you are not allowed to park here.

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e) It is very important that Michael gets home before 6pm

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f) It is not necessary for us to take so many photos.

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g) Adrian is not allowed to eat tomatoes, he is allergic.

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h) It is very important that we book our tickets soon.

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5. Make some sentences about what you have to do and don't have to do next week.

E.g. "*I have to call my friend on Monday." Or "I don't have to go shopping today."*

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