

## #modals

BF: base form  
PP: past participle

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must→ CERTAINTY

might/may/could→ POSSIBILITY

can/ be able to→ ABILITY

should→ PROBABILITY

would→ UNREAL SITUATION

will→ FORECAST

have to→ OBLIGATION

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## MODAL VERBS

### >>MUST

Tempi: presente e futuro



I/you/he/we/they must + FB → devo/i  
ORDINE (imposto da noi) [nei regolamenti]  
DOVERE (che sentiamo personalmente)  
RACCOMANDAZIONE (di sì)



I/you/he/we/they mustn't + FB → non devi  
DIVIETO [nei regolamenti]  
RACCOMANDAZIONE (di no)



Must I/you/he/we/they + FB? → devo?

**SHORT ANSWER :**

Yes, I/you/he/we/they must

No, I/you/he/we/they mustn't

### >>HAVE TO

Tempi:

tempi mancanti di must: infinito (to have to), past simple (had to), present perfect simple (have/has had to)

in forma colloquiale: presente e futuro

I/you/we/they have to \ he has to + FB  
OBBLIGO (imposto da altro o dalle circostanze) {motivo}



I/you/we/they don't have to \ he doesn't have to + FB (~~I/you/we/they haven't to \ he hasn't to~~) → non è necessario  
NON NECESSITÀ



Do I/you/he/we/they have \ does he + FB? (~~Have I/you/we/they \ has he to + FB~~)

**SHORT ANSWER :**

Yes, I/you/we/they do \ he does (~~Yes, I/you/we/they have \ he has~~)

No, I/you/we/they don't \ he doesn't (~~No, I/you/we/they haven't \ he has~~)

#### LEGEND

[] esempio

FB forma base (del verbo)

{ } contiene

((ab)) errore da non fare

#modals

BF: base form  
((~~abc~~)): mistake you mustn't make

**Had better**

I/you/he/she/we/they had better\*+BF → “è meglio che”/ “faresti meglio a”

**X**

I/you/he/she/we/they had better\* no+BF → “è meglio che non”/ “faresti meglio a non”

\* 'd better in speech

**tenses:** present and future ((~~past~~))

used for

*formal context*

*specific cases*

to express:

→ **RACCOMANDATION**

→ **WARNINGS**

→ **NEEDS**

## >>NEED/NEED TO (semi modal verb)

This verb has two form: **regular** and **modal**

BF= base form

### Tempi:

**Modal:** present, future

**Regular:** all other tenses

**R&M** I/you/we/they need to + BF\* → è necessario/ devi  
NECESSITY

**X**

**R** I/you/we/they don't need to // he/she/it doesn't need to + BF\* // **M** I/you/we/they needn't to +BF\* → non è necessario

**LACK OF NECESSITY** → (**USUAL**)/(**TEMPORARY**)

### past:

**R** I/you/we/they didn't need to + BF\* // **M** I/you/we/they needn't HAVE +PP → non era necessario

**LACK OF NECESSITY** → **COMPLETED** // **NOT PERFORMED YET or YOU DON'T KNOW**

**?**

**R** Do I/you/he/we/they need to // Does he/she/it need to + BF\*? // **M** Need I/you/we/they +BF\*  
ASK ABOUT NEED → (**USUAL**)/(**TEMPORARY**)

### **SHORT ANSWER :**

**(R** Yes, I/you/we/they do // **M** Yes, I/you/we/they need to) Yes, I/you/we/they **must**

**R** No, I/you/we/they don't // **M** No, I/you/we/they needn't

*\*(you can also use need with -ing form whitout 'to' )*

[https://www.englishkitab.com/en/Essential\\_Grammar/Modals/Need.html#:~:text=Interrogative%20sentence%20started%20with%20'Need,'Need%20not'%20is%20used.](https://www.englishkitab.com/en/Essential_Grammar/Modals/Need.html#:~:text=Interrogative%20sentence%20started%20with%20'Need,'Need%20not'%20is%20used.)

And the textbook