

## Obligation and necessity

(Speaking and grammar)

- Description:** Partners take turns making statements and choosing the appropriate response from a list.
- Use with or after:** *English Network Connection*, Unit 7.
- Skill:** Speaking and grammar.
- Focus:** Understanding and responding to statements with *have to*, *must*, *mustn't* and *needn't*.
- Time:** 10 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the three pages of this file.
  - Make enough copies of the second and third pages (worksheets for partners A and B) so that each student can have one of the worksheets, but not both.
- Procedure:**
- Divide the class into two groups, A and B, on opposite sides of the room.
  - Give each student the appropriate worksheet for his or her group.
  - Two or three students from the same group read through their worksheet together and help each other understand what they are supposed to do.
  - You might want to explain that both groups have the same list of possible responses at the bottom of their worksheets. It is possible that a response might be used more than once, or not at all.
  - The students stand up, find a partner from the other group and follow the instructions on their worksheets. You should monitor in case of difficulties, and insist that they do not look at each other's worksheets, only at their own.
  - When they are finished, ask them to open the coursebook *English Network Connection* at page 40–41 and match each of the items on their worksheets with one of the explanations on these pages. They may look at both worksheets while they are doing this.
    - Items 1, 2, 7, 8, 11 and 12 (*needn't* and *mustn't*) correspond to explanation # 3 in the *grammar focus* at the top of page 41.
    - Items 4 and 9 (*must*) correspond to explanation # 2b in the *grammar focus*.
    - Items 5 and 10 (*have to*) correspond to explanation # 2c.
    - Items 3 and 6 (*allowed to*) were dealt with on page 40.



**Partner A**

Find a partner from the other group. Please do not look at your partner's worksheet, only at your own!

Take turns making a statement and responding. You begin with number 1, then your partner goes on with number 2, etc. If your partner doesn't make the correct response, give him or her a second chance before saying it yourself.

	You say ...	Your partner should respond ...
1	<b>You mustn't park here.</b>	Why not? I've been parking here for years.
3	<b>You're not allowed to change your name in Germany.</b>	That's too bad. In the UK they're allowed to.
5	<b>You have to wear a tie.</b>	Yes, I know. They won't let me into the night club without one.
7	<b>We needn't hurry.</b>	Yes, you're right. We've got plenty of time.
9	<b>You must finish writing that report by Friday morning.</b>	All right, if you insist.
11	<b>You mustn't make so much noise.</b>	Oh, sorry. the baby's asleep.

For each statement that your partner makes, choose the **one** appropriate response from this list:

- All right, if you insist.
- Oh, sorry. I thought you couldn't hear very well.
- Oh, sorry. The baby's asleep.
- That's too bad. In the UK they're allowed to.
- Then why is there an ashtray on every table?
- Why not? Don't you want me to wait for you?
- Why not? I've been parking here for years.
- Why only me?
- Yes, I know. They won't let me into the night club without one.
- Yes, you're right. It's not healthy to be in such a rush all the time.
- Yes, you're right. We've got plenty of time.
- You're right. My boss needs it by then.



**Partner B**

Find a partner from the other group. Please do not look at your partner's worksheet, only at your own!

Take turns making a statement and responding. Your partner will begin with number 1, then you go on with number 2, etc. If your partner doesn't make the correct response, give him or her a second chance before saying it yourself.

	You say ...	Your partner should respond ...
2	<b>You needn't park here.</b>	Why not? Don't you want me to wait for you?
4	<b>You must wear a tie.</b>	All right, if you insist.
6	<b>You're not allowed to smoke in this restaurant.</b>	Then why is there an ashtray on every table?
8	<b>We mustn't hurry.</b>	Yes, you're right. It's not healthy to be in such a rush all the time.
10	<b>You have to finish writing that report by Friday morning.</b>	You're right. My boss needs it by then.
12	<b>You needn't speak so loudly.</b>	Oh, sorry. I thought you couldn't hear very well.

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- Why not? I've been parking here for years.
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- Yes, I know. They won't let me into the night club without one.
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