

A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a blue button-down shirt, is sitting at a desk in an office. He has a stressed or frustrated expression, with his right hand pressed against his forehead and eyes. He is holding a pair of black-rimmed glasses in his left hand. The background shows a blurred office environment with a desk lamp and a window. The text 'A2 - Making choices' is overlaid in large red font on the left side of the image.

# A2 - Making choices

Learn to use 'have to' and 'don't have to'

# Warm-up, general questions

1. What do you have to do every morning?
2. What do you have to do at work or school?
3. What chores do you have to do at home?
4. Is there anything you don't have to do that others do?
5. What choices do you have every day?

# Grammar point: 'have to' and 'don't have to'

Structure	Use	Example
<b>Have to + base verb</b>	To talk about rules and obligations.	<i>"I have to wear a uniform at work."</i>
<b>Don't have to + base verb</b>	To say something is not necessary.	<i>"You don't have to come early tomorrow."</i>
<b>Has to + base verb</b>	Third person singular (he/she/it)	<i>"She has to answer the phone."</i>
<b>Doesn't have to + base verb</b>	Third person singular (he/she/it) negation	<i>"He doesn't have to cook dinner tonight."</i>

# Helping Too Much?

Elena is a waitress at a busy restaurant in the city. Every day, she greets customers with a smile, takes orders, and serves food quickly and politely.

Elena is a hard worker. After her shift, she usually stays to help clean the kitchen. She washes dishes, sweeps the floor, and even helps the chef pack up.

One day, her manager, Mr. Collins, noticed her cleaning. He said, “Elena, you don’t have to clean the kitchen. That’s not your job. Your responsibility is to take care of the customers. You have to focus on that.”

Elena felt relieved. She enjoys helping, but now she knows she has a choice. She helps when she wants to – not because she has to.



# Comprehension questions



1. What is Elena's job?
2. What does she usually do after her shift?
3. Why did her manager speak to her?
4. What is Elena's main responsibility?
5. Does Elena have to clean the kitchen now?

# Match the sentence halves

1. I have to wake up early ...

A. ... because it's his job.

2. She doesn't have to wear a uniform ...

B. ... if you're not hungry.

3. We have to clean the kitchen ...

C. ... because it's Saturday.

4. You don't have to eat breakfast ...

D. ... for school every day.

5. He has to answer phone calls ...

E. ... because she works from home.

# Complete with 'have to' or 'don't have to'

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ do my homework before I watch TV.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ work on Sundays. Her office is closed.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ take the bus to school. Their mom drives them.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ be at the restaurant by 6 p.m.
5. John \_\_\_\_\_ wear a tie at his new job.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ wash the dishes. I already did it.



# In pairs, ask and answer using 'have to' or 'don't have to'

1. What do you have to do every weekend?
2. What chores do you not have to do at home?
3. Do you have to wear a uniform or special clothes?
4. What do people in your job/country have to do?
5. What do you wish you didn't have to do?



# Which of these things do you 'have to' do? Which ones 'don't you have to' do?



# Writing prompt

Prompt: Write a short paragraph about your responsibilities at home, school, or work. Use 'have to' and 'don't have to' at least 4 times in your paragraph.

Example: *I have to walk my dog every morning. I don't have to cook dinner because my brother loves cooking. On weekends, I have to clean my room. I don't have to do the laundry – my mum helps me with that.*



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