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Grammar Reference

Possessive Pronouns

Use: A possessive pronoun is used to substitute for a noun phrase that shows ownership.

Example:

Is that **our** car?

No, it's not **ours**.

Is this your pen?

Yes, it's **mine**.

My shirt is white; **her** shirt is blue.

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blue.

Subject pronouns	Possessive adjectives	Possessive Pronouns
I	my	mine
you	your	yours
he	his	his
she	her	hers
it	its	its
we	our	ours
they	their	theirs

“Have to” and “must”

“**Have to**” is used to talk about something that is necessary to do.

Example:

You can't turn right there. You **have to turn** left.

He **has to wear** a uniform to school.

Form:

Have/Has to + verb (base form)

Note:

“**Had to**” is used when talking about something that was necessary to do.

Example:

Linda **had to wear** her uniform to school when she was a student.

For questions and negative sentences, “do”, “does”, and “did” are used with “have to”.

Example:

What **do** I **have to do** to get a new passport? (*not ~~What have I to do?~~*)

David **doesn't have to work** on Sundays. (*not ~~David hasn't to~~*)

Why **did** you **have to go** early?

“**Must**” is similar to “have to” but a little bit stronger necessity.

Example:

It's very late now. I **must go**. *or* I **have to go**.

To give your own opinion about what is necessary or to give recommendation to someone, “must” is usually used.

Example:

I haven't spoken to Lisa for months. I **must call** her. (I say this is necessary.)

David is a really nice person. You **must talk** to him. (I recommend this.)

"Have to" is used to say what someone is obligated to do. The speaker is not giving his/her own opinion.

Example:

I **have to work** from 8:30 to 5:00 every day. (an obligation, not an opinion)

Linda **has to travel** a lot for her work.

"Must" cannot be used to talk about the past. We use **"had to"** instead.

Example:

We didn't have much time. We **had to** hurry. (~~not we must hurry~~)