

MODALS OF OBLIGATION

MUST ☹️

- Formal rules (UK+US) (also prohibitions – mustn't)
- Logical conclusions (UK+US): e.g. I've heard it from 6 manager students so it MUST be true.

UK: *Self-imposed obligations, e.g. Sorry, I really must be going now.*

HAVE TO 😊

General obligations from someone else

= *muset* in Czech, also good for *nemuset*
I don't have to think!
[*need to* is a slightly softer version of *have to*, so it's good for polite commands]

US: *Self-imposed obligations, e.g. Sorry, I have to go now.*

SHOULD ☹️

Recommendations, moral obligations

e.g. *You should stop complaining about your wonderful English teachers* 😊

I should have visited my grandmother more often. She died in 1985.

[*Ought to* works exactly like *should*]

TO BE SUPPOSED TO 😊

Used when you are expected to do something or you have agreed to do it.

e.g. *The bus was supposed to have arrived at 5 pm but it is already 3 hours late.*

I was supposed to help my mum with the tidying up but I got distracted Skyping with Gotye.