

Helping at Home

A2 Level • Kids (6-10) • Grammar & Everyday • 30 Minutes

What You Will Learn

- ✓ Name household chores
- ✓ Use must and have to for rules
- ✓ Use should/shouldn't for advice
- ✓ Read about chores around the world
- ✓ Write about your responsibilities

Part 1: Household Chores

Chore	Meaning
sweep the floor	clean with a broom
wash the dishes	clean plates and cups
make the bed	tidy the bed sheets
do the laundry	wash clothes
take out the rubbish	put bin bag outside
vacuum the carpet	clean with a machine
cook dinner	prepare the meal
water the plants	give water to flowers
walk the dog	take the dog outside
tidy your room	put things in place
set the table	put plates on table
feed the pet	give food to animal
clean the windows	make glass shiny
go shopping	buy food
put away toys	toys back in box

Part 2: Reading — Chores Around the World

Children all over the world help their families at home. Let's meet four children and find out what they have to do!

Noah from Australia has to make his bed every morning. On Saturdays, he has to help his dad in the garden. He doesn't have to do chores on Sundays — that's his free day. "Everyone should have some free time too!" Noah says.

Aiko from Japan has to tidy her room every day. In Japan, children also help clean the school! She must take off her shoes at home. "You shouldn't leave all the work for your parents!" Aiko says.

Carlos from Mexico has to feed the chickens every morning and walk the dog. He must help his grandmother cook. "You should always help your family," Carlos says. "My grandmother shouldn't do everything alone."

Fatima from Morocco has to go shopping with her mother at the market. She must carry the bags. "Children should help at home because a family is a team. You shouldn't wait for someone to ask — just do it!"

All four children agree: helping at home is important. It teaches you to be responsible!

Comprehension: 1) Noah's morning job? Make his bed. 2) No chores when? Sundays. 3) Japanese kids at school? Help clean. 4) Why does Carlos help grandma? She's 75. 5) Fatima at market? Carries bags, chooses vegetables. 6) Aiko's advice? Don't leave work for parents. 7) All agree? Helping is important.

Part 3: Rules, Duties & Advice

Must = strong rule (I must do my homework).
 Have to / Has to = necessary duty (I have to wash the dishes).
 Don't have to = NOT necessary, you can choose (I don't have to cook today).
 Mustn't = FORBIDDEN, do not do this! (You mustn't run in the corridor).

Should = good idea / advice (You should help at home).
 Shouldn't = not a good idea (You shouldn't leave your room messy).
 Should is gentler than must. Should = advice. Must = rule!

Word	Meaning	Example
must	strong rule	I must be home by 8.
have to	necessary duty	I have to wash the dishes.
don't have to	not necessary	I don't have to cook today.
mustn't	forbidden	You mustn't touch the oven!
should	good idea	You should drink more water.
shouldn't	not a good idea	You shouldn't eat too much sugar.

Part 4: Chore Day at Home

- M** OK kids, you have to help before you can go out.
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- S** What do I have to do today, Mum?
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- M** Sam, you must tidy your room. Then take out the rubbish.
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- S** Do I have to vacuum too?
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- M** No, you don't have to vacuum today.
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- L** What about me?
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- M** Lily, water the plants and feed the cat. And you should make your bed!
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- L** OK. I think Dad should help too!
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- M** Don't worry, Dad has to wash the car and go shopping.
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- S** After chores, can we go to the park?
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- M** Of course! But you mustn't come home late — dinner is at six!
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Part 5: Game — True or False?

Statement	Answer	Explanation
'Must' means a strong rule.	TRUE	Must = strong rule.
'Don't have to' means forbidden.	FALSE	Don't have to = not necessary. Mustn't = forbidden.
'Should' means good advice.	TRUE	Should = it's a good idea.
'Mustn't' means you can do it if you want.	FALSE	Mustn't = forbidden!
'Has to' means it's necessary.	TRUE	Has to = duty/necessity.
'Shouldn't' means you must never do it.	FALSE	Shouldn't = advice, not a total ban.
'Doesn't have to' means not his/her job.	TRUE	Not necessary for that person.
'Must' and 'should' are the same.	FALSE	Must = rule. Should = advice.

Part 6: Quiz

Q1. I ____ wash the dishes. It's my job.

a) should b) have to c) shouldn't d) don't have to

Q2. You ____ run near the pool! Dangerous!

a) should b) have to c) mustn't d) don't have to

Q3. She ____ make her bed. Mum did it.

a) must b) has to c) mustn't d) doesn't have to

Q4. You ____ drink more water. It's healthy.

a) mustn't b) shouldn't c) should d) don't have to

Q5. We ____ be at school by 8:30. It's the rule.

a) should b) shouldn't c) don't have to d) must

Q6. He ____ eat so much chocolate. Not healthy.

a) must b) should c) shouldn't d) has to

Part 7: Rules & Advice

Word Box: must, have to, has to, don't have to, mustn't, should, shouldn't, doesn't have to

1. I _____ wash the dishes after dinner every day.
2. She _____ make her bed every morning.
3. You _____ help your parents — it's a good idea.
4. You _____ touch the hot oven! It's dangerous.
5. He _____ cook because his mum does that.
6. We _____ be quiet in the library. It's a rule.
7. You _____ leave your clothes on the floor.
8. On Sundays, I _____ do any chores. Free day!

Part 8: Your Chores!

Talk About It

What chores do you have to do?

What chores don't you have to do?
Should children help at home? Why?
Which chore do you like? Which do you hate?
What rules must you follow at home and school?

Write About Your Responsibilities

Write 5-6 sentences about your chores and rules. Use must, have to, should!

Example: At home, I have to make my bed every morning and tidy my room. I also have to feed our cat before school. On Saturdays, I must help my dad wash the car. I don't have to cook because my mum does that. I think children should help at home because it teaches us to be responsible. You shouldn't leave everything for your parents!

Review Checklist

- I can name 15 household chores.
- I can use must and have to for rules.
- I understand don't have to vs mustn't.
- I can use should/shouldn't for advice.
- I can write about my chores and rules.

Well done! You can now talk about chores, rules and responsibilities!

Answer Key

Quiz Answers:

1. b) have to
2. c) mustn't
3. d) doesn't have to
4. c) should
5. d) must
6. c) shouldn't

Fill in the Blanks Answers:

1. have to
2. has to
3. should
4. mustn't
5. doesn't have to
6. must
7. shouldn't
8. don't have to