

School Rules

Fleydo English School • Teens • A2 • Reading • 30 min

Lesson Objectives

- Read about school rules
- Use must/mustn't for rules
- Use allowed to for permission
- Compare must vs have to vs allowed to
- Write about your school rules

Part 1: Reading — Two Schools, Two Worlds

Mia, 14 — Thornfield Academy (strict): We must hand in phones at reception every morning — no phones at all during school. My friend Jade forgot and a teacher found it in her bag; they confiscated it and her mum had to collect it! We must wear full uniform: black trousers, white shirt, maroon blazer. Forget the blazer = warning. Three warnings = detention.

We mustn't wear jewellery except small stud earrings. We aren't allowed to dye hair unnatural colours — a Year 9 girl dyed hers pink and had to change it back! Y10-11 are allowed to leave at lunch, but younger students must stay on site. We mustn't eat in corridors. Three times late in a week = detention. I think the phone rule is too strict!

Luca, 15 — Norrby School (relaxed): We don't have to wear uniform — jeans, hoodies, trainers! We are allowed to dye hair, wear jewellery, and express ourselves. We can use phones at breaks, but mustn't use them in lessons unless the teacher says OK. If asked to put it away, you must do it immediately. We can listen to music with headphones during independent study.

Everyone is allowed to leave at lunch, any age. We must be respectful — bullying is taken very seriously. We mustn't use offensive language. We don't have to raise our hand to speak, but we must listen when others talk. The school trusts us to be responsible, which makes us want to follow the rules.

Part 2: Comprehension

1. What happened to Jade's phone? (Confiscated; mum had to collect it.)
2. What happens if you forget your blazer? (Warning. Three = detention.)
3. What happened to the pink-hair girl? (Had to change it back.)
4. Who can leave Thornfield at lunch? (Y10-11 only.)

- 5. Strict phone rule at Norrby? (Must put away when teacher asks.)
- 6. Why does Luca like his school? (Trusts students to be responsible.)

Part 3: Grammar

must = rule / obligation

We must wear a uniform. You must be on time.

mustn't = forbidden

We mustn't use phones. mustn't (forbidden) vs don't have to (not necessary).

(not) allowed to = permission

We are allowed to leave at lunch. We aren't allowed to dye hair.

Thornfield (strict)	Norrby (relaxed)
Must wear uniform	Don't have to wear uniform
Mustn't use phones	Allowed to use at break
Aren't allowed to dye hair	Allowed to dye hair
Only Y10-11 leave at lunch	Everyone allowed to leave

Part 4: Quiz

1. We ___ wear a uniform. (rule)
a) must b) should c) can d) would
2. You ___ use phones. (forbidden)
a) don't have to b) mustn't c) shouldn't d) aren't
3. We ___ to leave at lunch. (permission)
a) are allowed b) must c) have d) should
4. What happened to Jade's phone?
a) Nothing b) Confiscated c) Detention d) Expelled
5. 'Mustn't' means:
a) Not necessary b) Forbidden c) Good idea d) Possible
6. Norrby: uniform? (not necessary)
a) mustn't b) don't have to c) aren't allowed d) must


Part 5: Fill in the Blanks

1. Thornfield: students _____ wear a uniform.
2. Students _____ use phones during school.
3. Y10-11 _____ leave at lunchtime.
4. Students _____ dye their hair.
5. Norrby: students _____ wear a uniform.
6. Norrby students _____ use phones at breaks.
7. At both schools, students _____ be respectful.
8. Students _____ use offensive language.

Answers: 1. must 2. mustn't 3. are allowed to 4. aren't allowed to 5. don't have to 6. are allowed to 7. must 8. mustn't

Part 6: Speaking & Writing

- Does your school have strict rules?
- Are you allowed to use your phone?
- What is the strictest rule?
- If you could change one rule?

 Write About Your School Rules 10-14 sentences. 3+ must rules, 3+ mustn't, allowed to/not allowed to, don't have to, whether fair, one rule to change. Use must/mustn't/allowed to/don't have to 6+ times!

Review Checklist

- I can use must for rules.
- I can use mustn't for forbidden things.
- I can use allowed to for permission.
- I know mustn't vs don't have to.
- I can compare must, have to, allowed to.
- I can write about school rules.

Well done! You completed Lesson 12: School Rules!

□ Answer Key

Quiz Answers:

1. a) must
2. b) mustn't
3. a) are allowed
4. b) Confiscated
5. b) Forbidden
6. b) don't have to