

Verbs of Permission, Obligation, and Prohibition

1. You **mustn't** laugh at unicorns. They're Scotland's national animal and Scottish people really like them.
2. You **need to** be careful if you visit the mountains. Haggis is a very vicious animal which lives in Scotland and bites.
3. You don't **have to** wear a kilt if you visit Scotland. You **can** if you want though.
4. When you send postcards home you **can** buy a lovely stamp with a picture of the Queen. However it's considered treason (a crime against the queen) if they're upside down. , you **have to** put them on the correct way.
5. If you buy a bottle of whiskey you **must** share it with the person who sells it to you.
6. If you go to see the Loch Ness monster you **have to** bring fish to make her happy and stop her attacking you. You **can** take a picture with her.
7. If you decide to wear a kilt you **must** not wear underwear.
8. You are **not allowed to** drink alcohol while in charge of a cow.
9. You **must** not refer to Scottish people as being English.
10. You **have to** dance if you hear bagpipes being played. You **don't need to** sing though.
11. When you die you **have to** leave all of your land to your eldest son.

Which modal verbs above are always followed by to + infinitive?

Which modal verbs above are never followed by to? What are they followed by?

Which modal verbs above do you think change form? What forms do they take?

In sentence 1 and sentence 11 one is a personal obligation. One is an obligation required by the government. Which is the personal obligation and which is the government obligation?

Fill in the table below following the first example.

	Must	Have to	Need to	Can	Be allowed to
Affirmative	I must				
Negative	I mustn't				
Question	Must you				
Verb change (e.g. with third person)	YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO
Past form	N/A				

Future Form	must				
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