

## Activity Type

Speaking Activity:  
forming, asking and  
answering questions  
from prompts, controlled  
practice (group work)

## Focus

Modal verbs of obligation  
and prohibition: *have to*  
and *don't have to*

*Do you have to...?*  
questions and short  
answers

## Aim

To ask and answer yes/  
no questions to find out  
what people *have to* and  
*don't have to* do.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the  
cards for every 12  
students and cut as  
indicated.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

20 minutes

## Introduction

In this *have to* speaking activity, students conduct a survey where they ask and answer yes/no questions to find out what people *have to* and *don't have to* do.

## Procedure

Divide the students into groups of 12 or less.

Give each student a card.

Tell the students that they are going to find out what their classmates' obligations are by asking each student in their group a yes/no question.

Each student then creates the *Do you have to...?* question they need to ask from the prompt on their card.

Examples:

Find out how many people *have to* cook dinner tonight.

Question: *Do you have to* cook dinner tonight?

Find out how many people *have to* wear a uniform at school?

Question: *Do you have to* wear a uniform at school?

Elicit possible answers, e.g. 'Yes, I do.' or 'No, I don't.'

Afterwards, review the questions as a class.

Students then go around their group, asking and answering the *Do you have to...?* questions.

Students tally the number of people who answer yes or no to their question on the card.

When everyone has finished, each student reports their findings to the class, e.g. 'Four students *have to* cook dinner tonight. Eight students *don't have to* cook dinner.'



Find out how many people have to go to a birthday party this month.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to take their dog for a walk today.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to have dinner with their family this weekend.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to clean their house this weekend.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to take the bus to get to school or work.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to travel somewhere this weekend.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to study for an exam this week.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to go shopping today.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to reply to an email this week.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to wake up early during the week.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to go to the dentist this month.

Y: .....

N: .....

Find out how many people have to pay a bill this week.

Y: .....

N: .....