

Activity Type

Matching and writing activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Modal verbs

'can't' for prohibition

'have to' and 'don't have to' for obligation

Aim

To join sentence parts together to make a set of school rules.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students.

Level

Low intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this useful worksheet activity, students practice modal verbs and expressions of obligation and prohibition by joining sentence parts together to make a set of school rules.

Procedure

Divide the class into pairs. Give each pair a copy of the worksheet and a piece of paper.

Explain that each sentence on the worksheet has been split into three parts.

In their pairs, students join the three parts of each sentence together to make a school rule. Students then write the sentence on a separate piece of paper. The first pair to complete all the sentences correctly is the winner.

Afterwards, go through the correct answers with the class.

Answer Key

1. Classes start at 9 o'clock, so you have to be on time every morning.
2. It's important to ask your teacher for permission to go to the bathroom, so you can't go without asking him or her.
3. The office secretary is responsible for the photocopier, so you can't make photocopies without her permission.
4. All students have one hour for lunch, so you have to be back in the classroom by 1 o'clock.
5. All students must wear a school uniform, so you can't wear casual clothes to school.
6. When the teacher is speaking, you have to be quiet.
7. Water is free, so you don't have to buy drinks.
8. You must turn off your mobile phone, because you can't make personal calls inside the school.
9. There are lots of restaurants and sandwich shops near the school, so you don't have to eat in the school canteen.
10. It's important to be quiet when you go near the Headmaster's office, so you can't make a noise outside his door.
11. The canteen is open all day, so you don't have to leave the school to get something to eat.
12. When you don't come to school, you have to give your teacher a note from your parents.

Each sentence below has been split into three parts. Work with a partner and join the three parts of each sentence together to make a school rule. Write the sentences on a separate piece of paper.

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2. It's important to ask your teacher for permission to go to the bathroom, so you...	have to	...be back in the classroom by 1 o'clock.
3. The office secretary is responsible for the photocopier, so you...	have to	...make a noise outside his door.
4. All students have one hour for lunch, so you...	can't	...be quiet.
5. All students must wear a school uniform, so you...	don't have to	...leave the school to get something to eat.
6. When the teacher is speaking, you...	can't	...give your teacher a note from your parents.
7. Water is free, so you...	can't	...make photocopies without her permission.
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