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Explanations

must

Situations for *must*:

We usually use *must* when we talk about necessary or important actions.

I must leave now. I don't want to be late.

We must remember to take our passports.

<i>I must leave.</i>	<i>We must leave.</i>
<i>You must leave.</i>	<i>They must leave.</i>
<i>He must leave.</i>	<i>It must leave.</i>
<i>She must leave.</i>	

We can also use *have to* in these situations.

have to

Situations for *have to*:

We use *have to* when we talk about a rule made for us by somebody else.

We have to wear a uniform at my school. (a rule)

When the lights are red, you have to stop. (a rule)

<i>I have to leave.</i>	<i>Do I have to leave?</i>
<i>You have to leave.</i>	<i>Do you have to leave?</i>
<i>He has to leave.</i>	<i>Does he have to leave?</i>
<i>She has to leave.</i>	<i>Does she have to leave?</i>
<i>It has to leave.</i>	<i>Does it have to leave?</i>
<i>We have to leave.</i>	<i>Do we have to leave?</i>
<i>They have to leave.</i>	<i>Do they have to leave?</i>

We don't usually use *must* in these situations.

I must leave at 6.00. *Do I have to leave at 6.00?*

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should

Situations for *should*:

Should gives the speaker's opinion of what is a good thing to do.

You should check your work at the end of the lesson.

You should eat fruit every day.

(**This means:** It's a good idea for you to do this.)