



You *should* be more careful.

I *must* do my homework.

I *have to* pay the fine.

I've *got to* go to school.

I *should* respect my parents.

I *ought to* work hard.

I'd *better* do what the doctor says.

I *shouldn't* smoke.

I *mustn't* steal.

I have no choice. (often suggests obligation felt by the speaker)

I have no choice. (often suggests obligation imposed by others)

I have no choice. (usually more informal)

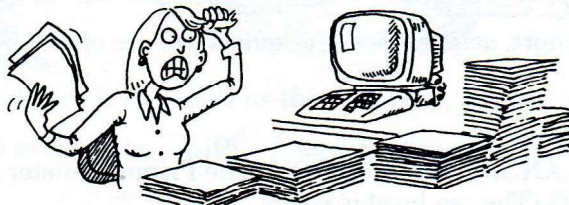
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It is a good thing. (normally used for specific rather than general ideas)

It is a bad thing, but depends on me.

I have no choice.



I've *got to finish* all these before the boss gets back!

Exercise A

Rewrite the following sentences using a suitable modal, as in the example.

Example: You/write to your aunt to thank her for the present.

(a good thing)

You *should* write to your aunt to thank her for the present.

- 1 We/make too much noise in case we wake the baby. (no choice)
- 2 Dr James can't come to the party. He/work all night. (no choice – external obligation)
- 3 I/fill in these forms. (no choice – internal obligation)
- 4 You/report the theft to the police. (good idea – specific)
- 5 The people who paid too much/complain to the manager. (a good thing)
- 6 She/stay in bed for a week. (no choice – informal)
- 7 The boy with the bad back/lift such heavy weights. (a bad thing)
- 8 We/take an umbrella in case it rains. (good idea – specific)
- 9 You/get a visa to visit Tibet. (no choice – external obligation)
- 10 That player/practise a lot more. (a good thing)

Exercise B

Do Exercise 15 on the cassette.

ANSWERS
 A 1 We *mustn't* make; 2 He has to work; 3 I *must* fill in; 4 You'd better report; 5 The people *should/ought to* complain;
 6 She's got to stay; 7 The boy *shouldn't/mustn't* lift; 8 We'd better take; 9 You have to get; 10 That player *should/ought to* practise.