

MUSTN'T vs. DON'T HAVE TO

BE CAREFUL: There is a difference in meaning between MUSTN'T and DON'T HAVE TO.

Mustn't

- **MEANING**
 - > Its is prohibited; it is not allowed.
 - > It is important that you do **NOT** do something.
- You **MUST NOT** drink that.
 - = It is forbidden to drink that.
 - = Don't drink that, it is not allowed.
- You **MUSTN'T** tell John.
 - = Do **NOT** tell John.
 - = You are not allowed to tell John.

Don't have to

- **MEANING**
 - > There is no obligation; you are not required to do something, especially if you don't want to.
- You **DON'T HAVE TO** drink that.
 - = You don't need to drink that but you can if you want to.
- You **DON'T HAVE TO** tell John.
 - = You can tell John if you want to but it is not necessary.