Unit 10 · Obligations and Prohibitions

STUDY NOTES

The unit in one line

- **rules**: what you have to do (**obligations**) and what you are not allowed to do (**prohibitions**)
- four small words, four meanings: **must**, **should**, **don't have to**, **mustn't**

Song: The Aim Was Song (a poem)

- by the American poet **Robert Frost**, from *New Hampshire* (1923); the first two of its four verses
- before people came, the wind blew by itself, untaught, as loud as it could, day and night, on rough rocks and hills
- people told it it was wrong: it blew **too hard**, in the wrong place; its **aim** was **song**
- in the other verses, a man shows it how: a breath taken in, held, let out gently through the lips
- about rules too: wind with no rules = noise; wind shaped with care = music
- rhymes: *right / night, untaught / caught, wrong / song, blow / go*

Reading I: Rules at Central Zoo

- a **notice**: heading; a polite line asking people to **abide by** (obey) the rules; the rules as a list; a closing line; who wrote it (Central Zoo, **Jawalakhel, Lalitpur**)
- firm words: **must, must not, not allowed, prohibited**
- **the rules:**
  - wait in **line** at the ticket counter
  - **obliged** to show your ticket when an official asks
  - **no loud noise**: it disturbs the animals and other visitors
  - **no plastic** on the zoo's **premises**
  - **no pets** (cats, dogs)
  - **no alcohol, no smoking**: punished
  - **no teasing, poking or feeding** the animals
  - picking buds or flowers, tearing leaves: **punishable**
  - **litter** in the bins
  - **no selling** by visitors
- the end: a zoo is a public place; keeping it clean and safe is everyone's **duty** and **responsibility**
- synonyms / antonyms from the text: *sound* → **noise**; *rewardable* ↔ **punishable**; *dirt* → **litter**; *allowed* ↔ **prohibited**

Reading II: Rules at the Museum

- **Amit** asks **Eshika** to visit the museum on **Saturday**; open on holidays, closed on **Tuesday** → open **six** days a week
- Eshika wants photos holding the **antiques**; Amit: no touching, keep your **distance**, only look
- why: the objects are **rare**; touching could **ruin** them
- more rules: **maintain** silence; photos only of items where allowed; no eating inside
- allowed: visit on Saturdays and holidays, look from a distance, photos where allowed
- not allowed: touch any item, go close to the antiques, make noise, eat inside
- crossword words: *rare, holiday, maintain, museum; allow, distance, antique, ruin*

Key words

abide by: obey a rule or a law.

obliged: made to do something by a rule or law.

premises: the land and buildings of a place.

tease: annoy an animal or a person for fun.

poke: push with a finger or a stick.

punishable: that can be punished.

litter: rubbish dropped in a public place.

prohibited: not allowed by a rule.

responsibility: something it is your job to do or look after.

antique: a very old, valuable object.

ruin: destroy, spoil completely.

Grammar: must, have to, should, be allowed to

Word	Meaning	Example
must	necessary; often your own strong feeling, or a written rule	*I **must** call my grandmother today.*
have to / has to	necessary because of a rule or someone else	*We **have to** wear a uniform.*
should	a good idea; advice	*You **should** drink more water.*
be allowed to / can	permitted	*You **are allowed to** borrow two books.*
don't have to	**not necessary**: your choice	*You **don't have to** come; it's a holiday.*
mustn't / not allowed to	**forbidden**	*You **mustn't** cross here.*

- **mustn't ≠ don't have to**: *You mustn't take photos* (forbidden); *You don't have to take photos* (not necessary)
- choose by asking: forbidden? → **mustn't**; not necessary? → **don't have to**; necessary? → **have to**
- after he, she, it, a name: **has to**; **must** never changes (*She must…*, not *she musts*)
- questions and negatives with *have to*: **do / does** (*Do you have to go? She doesn't have to wear a uniform.*)
- **no *to*** after *must* and *should*: *must go, should go*; only **have to** and **be allowed to** take *to*
- **can** = **are allowed to**: *You can park here.*; **mustn't** = **aren't allowed to**
- a red circle with a line across it = **not allowed**

Grammar: and, but, because

Word	Job	Example
and	adds one more thing	*I bought a book **and** a pen yesterday.*
but	shows a contrast	*He is tall, **but** she is short.*
because	gives the reason	*I didn't come **because** I was ill.*

- with **and**, the shared part only once: *a book and a pen*, not *I bought a book and I bought a pen*

Speaking: in six places

- *You should / shouldn't …*; *You are allowed to / aren't allowed to …*; *You can / can't …*
- library: *You **should** keep quiet. We **are allowed to** read, but **not allowed to** talk.*
- garden, park, school hostel, zoo, museum, library: one rule of each kind

Listening: the cycling class

- **Rehan** wants to learn cycling; **Sonam** runs the class
- he rode once **last month**; put in the **basic** course
- today the **15th**; the class starts **Monday the 17th** of September, at **7:00 a.m.**; he **must** arrive by **6:55**
- a form signed by his **guardian** (the adult who looks after him)
- *must* and *has to* here: rules of the class, **necessary**

Writing

- **classroom rules:** short, clear, numbered, the most important first
- each starts with a rule word (*must, should, mustn't, aren't allowed to*) or a command (*Raise your hand.*)
- **project, school rules on a chart:** places (classroom, playground, library, toilets, bus); three or four rules each; a no sign beside some

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ You must to finish your homework.
✓ You **must finish** your homework.

✗ She have to get up at six.
✓ She **has to** get up at six.

✗ Does he has to wear a uniform?
✓ Does he **have to** wear a uniform?

✗ (a holiday) You mustn't go to school tomorrow.
✓ You **don't have to** go to school tomorrow.

✗ Can I eat here? — No, you don't have to.
✓ No, you **aren't allowed to**.

✗ We should not to make noise.
✓ We **should not make** noise.