OBLIGATION AND PERMISSION IN THE PAST.

1. There have been some strange laws in the past. Below there are some examples. MATCH them with a picture.

   a. In the times of Peter the Great in Russia, noblemen weren't allowed to have beards. If they wanted to keep their beards, they had to pay a special tax to the Tsar's government.

   b. In eighteenth-century England, people had to pay 'window tax' for each window in their house. However, this law was eventually changed because many poor people chose to live in houses without windows just so that they didn't have to pay!

   c. In the nineteenth century, female teachers in the USA couldn't get married, or even go out with men. If they got engaged, they had to resign from their job immediately. Male teachers, on the other hand, could get married and have children without any problem!

   d. If you travelled in any motor vehicle in nineteenth-century Britain, the law said that someone had to walk in front of you waving a red flag, or at night time a red lamp. This meant, in practice, that you couldn't travel at more than about eight kilometres per hour!

   e. In the Midwest of the USA in the 1880s, you were not allowed to eat ice-cream sodas on a Sunday. Restaurant owners solved this problem by serving ice-cream without soda, which became known as a 'Sunday' or a 'sundae'.

2. UNDERLINE the modal verbs used in the past. THEN, complete the grid.

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3. SPEAKING.

   COMPLETE the following sentences and discuss them with your partner.

   a. In Italy in the 1930's under Mussolini, Italians _____________ to use foreign words.
   b. In Switzerland, women _____________ to vote until 1971. In New Zealand, on the other hand, females vote from 1893.
   c. In the 1920's in the USA, people _____________ to consume alcoholic drinks.
   d. When I was a child I was allowed to _____________.
   e. When I was a child I wasn't allowed to _____________.
   f. In 10 years we won't have to _____________.
   g. In the future we won't be allowed to _____________.
   h. When I was a child I had to _____________.
   i. In 20 years we will have to _____________.
   j. Nowadays we have to _____________.

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A Choose the sentence (A, B or C) which means the same as the first sentence.

1 We have to pay the electricity bill before Friday.
   A We can pay it if we want to.
   B We must pay it.
   C We've already paid it.
2 You don't need to buy me a birthday present.
   A You must buy me a birthday present.
   B It's not necessary to buy me a birthday present.
   C You mustn't buy me a birthday present.
3 I have to do some work on my project this evening.
   A I haven't got time to do the work.
   B I've already done the work.
   C I need to do the work.
4 Lenny didn't have to see the head teacher after all.
   A It wasn't necessary for Lenny to see the head teacher.
   B Lenny went to see the head teacher.
   C Lenny is waiting to see the head teacher.
5 Students mustn't run in school buildings.
   A They can run if they want to.
   B Students don't like running.
   C Running isn't allowed.
6 All passengers must fasten their seatbelts.
   A They have to fasten their seatbelts now.
   B They don't have to fasten their seatbelts.
   C They can fasten their seatbelts.
7 Mr Reed had to go to the police station to answer some questions.
   A Mr Reed was able to go to the police station.
   B Mr Reed forgot to go to the police station.
   C Mr Reed was obliged to go to the police station.
8 It's kind of you to offer to help, but you really don't need to.
   A I don't want you to help me.
   B Your help isn't necessary.
   C You won't be able to help me.

B Circle the correct word or phrase.

1 'Smoking isn't allowed in the airport.'
   You 
   mustn't / don't have to smoke in the airport.
2 'It's not necessary to come to the train station to meet me.'
   You 
   have to / don't have to meet her at the train station.
3 'We were forced to wait for over two hours in the rain!'
   They 
   had to / didn't need to wait for over two hours in the rain.
4 'The instructions tell you to write in pencil.'
   You 
   must / needn't write in pencil.
5 'You can contact us by either phone or e-mail.'
   You 
   mustn't / don't have to phone them.
6 'In my country, you can carry your passport with you if you want, but it's not necessary.'
   In her country, you 
   don't need to / mustn't carry your passport with you.
7 'My grandfather was made to start work when he was just fourteen years old.'
   He 
   had to / must start work when he was just fourteen years old.
8 'It's not necessary to book a hotel; you can stay in our spare room.'
   You 
   mustn't / don't have to stay in a hotel.

C Complete using the correct form of have to. You may have to use some negative forms.

1 Jade can't come out tonight. She 
   look after her little brother.
2 I didn't have enough money, so I 
   borrow some from Yuri.
3 It's raining really hard, but luckily we 
   go out this evening.
4 To start the laptop you 
   press the power button.
5 Robbie worked last weekend, but I 
   to piano lessons when you were younger?