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Presentation: A crime report

1 Read the report and circle T (true) or F (false).

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| 1 The crime took place on the morning of Friday 23 March. | T / F |
| 2 The victim was going shopping when two men attacked her. | T / F |
| 3 One of the attackers had a gun. | T / F |
| 4 The victim called the police straight after the attack. | T / F |
| 5 The rucksack contained a lot of cash. | T / F |



Marcham Police Station

Date: 24 March 2016
Crime No: 19937583X

Victim Statement

At 16:40 hours on Friday 23 March 2016 I was walking to the bank on the High Street in Marcham when I was approached by two men. They blocked my way and demanded that I hand over my rucksack. When I refused, one of them pushed me to the ground. Then he shouted, 'Give me the bag!' His colleague grabbed the rucksack and pulled it off my back. They then walked quickly towards a parked car and drove off.

I was shaking, so I sat down on a step to catch my breath. Two people asked if I was OK. I told them what had happened. One of them called the police. I was very upset. I work in a shop and the bag contained the shop's takings for the week. I have to deposit the money on Friday afternoons. There was about £5,000 in the bag.

Both men were tall. They were wearing black jackets with hoods that

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Crime reports explain exactly what happened when a crime was committed. All relevant details need to be included. The report should be written in the past tense.

Remember!

We use the past perfect to say when one event happened before another event.

He had opened the door when the police arrived.

We use *have (got) to* to discuss obligation.

The police had to arrest the suspect.

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Practice: A crime report

Modal verbs for obligation and imperatives

Modal verbs for obligation

Have to

I **have to** finish this essay tonight.

He **had to** hand over the rucksack.

Have (got) to (often used for external obligations)

They **have got to** report this to the police.

We **had to** renew our car insurance because it had expired.

Must (often used to express the feelings of the speaker)

I **must** go to the bank this afternoon.

Imperatives

We use imperatives to give orders, make suggestions and give advice or instructions.

Infinitive without to (affirmative imperative)

Give me the bag.

Try again – you almost succeeded.

Do not (don't) + infinitive without to (negative imperative)

Don't move.

Don't press that button.

Typical errors

He ~~must to~~ wear a uniform at school. X

He **must** wear a uniform at school. ✓

I ~~had call~~ the police when I saw the incident. X

I **had to** call the police when I saw the incident. ✓

~~Give to me~~ the bag. X

Give me the bag. ✓

1 Circle the correct words.

The robber said I **(had)** / **must** to hand over my handbag.

- The policeman said, '**Don't touch** / **Not touch** the bag – it's evidence.'
- The criminal **had to** / **had** pay a fine but he didn't go to prison.
- The police **has** / **have got to** do more to reduce crime in the area.
- You **must** / **mustn't** enter a crime scene or you will destroy the evidence.
- I shouted, '**Stop** / **Stop to** doing that' and the kids ran away.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box.

have to give have to unlock
must not move ~~put~~ wait

It was terrifying. The three masked men entered the bank. One said, '_____ *Put* _____ your hands up. Move into the corner.' We all did as we were told. The second man went to a cashier and she ⁽¹⁾ _____ the door and give him access to the tills. We all ⁽²⁾ _____ the third robber our wallets. He said we ⁽³⁾ _____ or scream for help. Then they left, saying ⁽⁴⁾ '_____ until we've gone before you call the police.'

3 Correct the errors.

The smugglers had open their suitcase at customs.

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- The police must to do more to stop pickpockets.

- 'Stop to painting that wall and turn around.'

- My brother have got to pay a fine.

Final Writing Task

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Imagine you witnessed the crime reported on page 11. Write a witness report describing what you saw.

- Remember to include as many details as possible, for example what the men looked like, what the make of the getaway car was.
- Include some verbs of obligation or imperatives:
The victim had to hand over her rucksack because they pushed her to the ground.