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School Rules



The sentences below are school rules for a new student.

The twelve sentences have been split into three parts. Work with a partner and join the three parts of each sentence together. Write the sentences on a separate piece of paper.

The first pair to complete all the sentences correctly is the winner.

1. Class begins at 8:30 a.m., so you...	don't have to	...make personal calls inside the school.
2. It's very important to ask your teacher for permission to go bathroom, so you...	have to	...be quiet or you will get in trouble.
3. The office secretary is the only person who can use the photocopier, so you...	have to	...make a noise outside his door.
4. All the students have one hour for lunch, so you...	can't	...be back in the classroom by 1 o'clock.
5. All the students wear a school uniform, so you...	don't have to	...get something to eat without leaving the building.
6. When the teacher is speaking, you...	can't	...give your teacher a sick note.
7. Water is free, so you...	can't	...make photocopies without her permission.
8. You must turn off your mobile phone, because you...	have to	...pay for cold drinks.
9. There are lots of restaurants and sandwich bars near to the school, so you...	can't	...be on time every morning.
10. It's very important to be quiet when you go near the Headmaster's office, so you...	have to	...wear informal clothes.
11. The school canteen is open all day, so you...	can't	...eat in the school canteen.
12. When you don't come to school, you...	can	...go without asking him or her.

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In this writing activity, students make sentences expressing obligation and prohibition using 'can', 'can't', 'have to' and 'don't have to'.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students.

Procedure

Start by reviewing the use of 'have to', 'don't have to', 'can' and 'can't' to express obligation and prohibition.

Divide the class into pairs and give each pair a copy of the worksheet.

Explain that the twelve sentences have been split into three parts and the students must join the three parts together. The sentences are school rules for a new student.

Students write the sentences on a separate piece of paper.

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Answer Key

1. Class begins at 8:30 a.m., so you have to be on time every morning.
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3. The office secretary is the only person who can use the photocopier, so you can't make photocopies without her permission.
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6. When the teacher is speaking, you have to be quiet or you will get in trouble.
7. Water is free, so you don't have to pay for cold drinks.
8. You must turn off your mobile phone, because you can't make personal calls inside the school.
9. There are lots of restaurants and sandwich bars near to the school, so you don't have to eat in the school canteen.
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