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## Victor Frankenstein's Story Begins

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I was born in Switzerland, in the town of Geneva. My parents loved each other very much, and I learnt from the example of their love. I learnt that to love and to be patient are the most important things in the world.

My mother hoped to have a daughter after I was born, but for five years I was the only child. And then my mother found a sister for me. She was helping a family in which there were five children. They were very poor, and the children were thin and hungry. One of the children was a little girl, with golden hair and blue eyes. Her name was Elizabeth. My mother took the little girl into our family, and Elizabeth became the daughter that my mother had always wanted. As I grew older, my love for Elizabeth became stronger all the time.

Later my mother had two other sons, Ernest and William. A young woman called Justine came to live in the house to help my mother with the children. We loved her as much as she loved us.

The years passed happily, and we had everything that we needed. At school I met another very fine person. His name was Henry Clerval, and he was very clever. My family also liked him very much, so he was a welcome visitor to our house.

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*One of the children was a little girl, with golden hair and blue eyes.  
Her name was Elizabeth.*

I studied very hard at school. I wanted to know the secrets of life, and, most of all, I wanted to know how to make living things. I read all the books that I could find. One day, something happened that added a new idea to the ideas that I already had. I was fifteen at the time, and we were on holiday in the mountains. There was a wild storm, and with it came the most frightening thunder and lightning that I have ever seen in my life. About twenty metres in front of our house was a great tree. Suddenly a huge fork of lightning hit the tree. After a few seconds, there was nothing left of it except a black piece of wood two metres high. The lightning had destroyed it.

I saw how strong electricity was. I began to read all the books that I could find about electricity and its terrible power.

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**F**or seventeen years my life was very happy. Then the first sad thing happened. My mother became very ill, and soon she knew that she was dying. Just before she died, she asked Elizabeth and me to go to her room. She held our hands and said:

‘My children, I am very happy because you love each other, and because one day you will get married. Everyone in the family loves you, Elizabeth. Will you take my place in the family, my dear? I can die happy if you will look after them when I have gone.’

My mother died, and we were very sad, because we loved her dearly. Elizabeth was brave and helped us; her sweet smile gave us some happiness in the unhappy days after my mother's death.

The time came for me to go to university. I did not want to leave my sad family, but we all knew that I should go. It was hard to leave, too, because the parents of my good friend Henry Clerval would not let him go to university with me. And so I had to go alone.

On my first day at the university I met my teacher, Professor Waldman, who was one of the greatest scientists in the world. He gave a wonderful talk to all the students who were starting at the university. He ended his talk by saying: ‘Some of you will become the great scientists of tomorrow. You must study hard and discover everything that you can. That is why God made you intelligent – to help other people.’

After the professor's talk, I thought very carefully. I remembered the storm when I was fifteen. I remembered how the lightning had destroyed the tree. I wanted to use electricity to help people, and I wanted to discover the secrets of life. I decided to work on these two things. I did not know then that my work would destroy me and the people that I loved.

I started work the next day. I worked very hard and soon Professor Waldman and I realized that I could learn to be a very good scientist.

The professor helped me very much, and other

# Must and have to

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We use **must** and **have to** to say that it is necessary to do something. Sometimes it doesn't matter which you use:

Oh, it's later than I thought. I **must** go. or I **have to** go.

But there is a difference between **must** and **have to** and sometimes this is important:

**Must** is personal. We use **must** when we give our personal feelings.  
'You **must** do something' = 'I (the speaker) say it is necessary':

- She's a really nice person. You **must** meet her. (= I say this is necessary)
- I haven't phoned Ann for ages. I **must** phone her tonight.

Compare:

- I **must** get up early tomorrow. There are a lot of things I want to do.

**Have to** is impersonal. We use **have to** for facts, not for our personal feelings.

'You **have to** do something' because of a rule or the situation:

- You can't turn right here. You **have to** turn left. (because of the traffic system)
- My eyesight isn't very good. I **have to** wear glasses for reading.
- George can't come out with us this evening. He **has to** work.

- I **have to** get up early tomorrow. I'm going away and my train leaves at 7.30.

If you are not sure which to use, it is usually safer to use **have to**.

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You can use **must** to talk about the present or future, but not the past:

- We **must** go now.
- We **must** go tomorrow. (*but not* 'We must go yesterday')

You can use **have to** in all forms. For example:

- I **had to** go to hospital. (*past*)
- **Have you ever had to** go to hospital? (*present perfect*)
- I **might have to** go to hospital. (*infinitive after might*)

In questions and negative sentences with **have to**, we normally use **do/does/did**:

- What **do** I **have to do** to get a driving licence? (*not* 'What have I to do?')
- Why **did** you **have to** go to hospital?
- Karen **doesn't have to** work on Saturdays.

**Mustn't** and **don't have to** are completely different:

You **mustn't** do something = it is necessary that you do *not* do it (so, *don't* do it):

- You **mustn't** keep it a secret. You **mustn't** tell anyone. (= don't tell anyone)
- I promised I would be on time. I **mustn't** be late. (= I must be on time)

You **don't have to** do something = you don't need to do it (but you can if you want):

- You can tell me if you want but you **don't have to** tell me. (= you don't need to tell me)
- I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to** get up early.

You can use 'have got to' instead of 'have to'. So you can say:

- I've **got to** work tomorrow. or I **have to** work tomorrow.
- When has Ann **got to** go? or When does Ann **have to** go?

## EXERCISES

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31.1 Complete these sentences with **must** or **have to** (in the correct form). Sometimes it is possible to use either; sometimes only **have to** is possible.

- 1 It's later than I thought. I **must or have to** go now.
- 2 Jack left before the end of the meeting. He **had to** go home early.
- 3 In Britain many children ..... wear uniform when they go to school.
- 4 When you come to London again, you ..... come and see us.
- 5 Last night Don became ill suddenly. We ..... call a doctor.
- 6 You really ..... work harder if you want to pass the examination.
- 7 I'm afraid I can't come tomorrow. I ..... work late.
- 8 I'm sorry I couldn't come yesterday. I ..... work late.
- 9 Paul doesn't like his new job. Sometimes he ..... work at weekends.
- 10 Caroline may ..... go away next week.
- 11 We couldn't repair the car ourselves. We ..... take it to a garage.
- 12 Julia wears glasses. She ..... wear glasses since she was very young.

31.2 Make questions with **have to**.

- 1 I had to go to hospital last week.
- 2 I have to get up early tomorrow.
- 3 Ann has to go somewhere now.
- 4 George had to pay a parking fine yesterday.
- 5 I had to wait a long time for the bus.
- 6 I have to phone my sister now.
- 7 Paul has to leave soon.

- Why **did you have to go to hospital?**
- Why ..... early?
- Where ..... she .....
- How much .....
- How long .....
- Why .....
- What time .....

31.3 Complete these sentences using **don't / doesn't / didn't have to** + one of these verbs:

**do get-up go go pay shave wait work**

- 1 I'm not working tomorrow, so I **don't have to get up** early.
- 2 The car park is free – you ..... to park your car there.
- 3 I went to the bank this morning. There was no queue, so I .....
- 4 Sally is extremely rich. She .....
- 5 We've got plenty of time. We ..... yet.
- 6 Jack has got a beard, so he .....
- 7 I'm not particularly busy. I've got a few things to do but I ..... them now.
- 8 A man was slightly injured in the accident but he ..... to hospital.

31.4 Complete these sentences with **mustn't** or **don't/doesn't have to**.

- 1 I don't want anyone to know. You **mustn't** tell anyone.
- 2 He **doesn't have to** wear a suit to work but he usually does.
- 3 I can stay in bed tomorrow morning because I ..... go to work.
- 4 Whatever you do, you ..... touch that switch. It's very dangerous.
- 5 There's a lift in the building, so we ..... climb the stairs.
- 6 You ..... forget what I told you. It's very important.
- 7 Sue ..... get up early. She gets up early because she wants to.
- 8 Don't make so much noise. We ..... wake the baby.
- 9 I ..... eat too much. I'm supposed to be on a diet.
- 10 You ..... be a good player to enjoy a game of tennis.