

Card game: *Must and mustn't* by Jill Hadfield

Level: Pre-intermediate–intermediate

Target age: Secondary / Adult

Time needed: 15 minutes

Grammar objective: To practise using *must* and *mustn't*

Materials: One set of picture cards and one set of word cards per pair of students

Summary: A pairwork card game to practise *must* and *mustn't*

Before the lesson

Cut up the cards, keeping the picture and word cards separate.

Procedure

1. Divide students into pairs and give each pair one set of picture cards and one set of word cards.
2. They should put the picture cards face down in a pile in the middle of the table and deal out the word cards so they end up with half each.
3. They should take it in turns to take a picture card from the pile, turn it over and place it on the table.
4. The player with the matching word card should say what the sign means *must* or *mustn't* be done. For example, if a student turns over a no entry sign, the student who has the word card with 'go down this street' constructs the sentence 'You *mustn't* go down this street.'
5. Demonstrate how to play before they begin by turning over a card, showing it to the class and asking who has the corresponding word card. Elicit what they should say. Model the pronunciation of the words *must* (/mʌst/; weak forms /məst/ or /məs/) and *mustn't* (/mʌs(ə)nt/).
6. When most pairs have finished, tell students to hide their cards. Take a set of picture cards,

show the class one card at a time and elicit the relevant sentences. If you want to make it competitive, you can give the picture card to the student who can give you the correct sentence and, at the end, announce as the winner the student who has the most cards.

Extension: Put students in groups and ask them to come up with a list of things they *must* and *mustn't* do on their way home from class. For example, *I mustn't cross the road without looking* or *I must get some cash out*. Have the groups share their ideas.

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FUN WITH GRAMMAR CARDS



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... go down this street.	... stop.	... smoke.	... walk on the grass.
... let other cars go first.	... walk here.	... eat or drink here.	... be quiet.
... park here.	... bring liquids on the plane.	... take photos.	... wear shoes.
... jump into the pool.	... cycle on this road.	... drive at more than 60kph.	... get a parking ticket from this machine and put it in your car.