

## need(n't), don't need to 和 don't have to

**A** **need** 可用作一般动词，也可用作情态动词（后跟不带 to 的动词不定式）。用作情态动词时，没有时态变化，第三人称单数也不加 -s。试比较：

- I **needed** to leave early.       She's thirsty. She **needs** a drink. (一般动词)
- You **needn't speak** so loudly. (情态动词)

**need** 作情态动词时多用于否定句，常和 **bother**, **concern**, **fear**, **panic**, **worry** 等动词连用：

- I've already cleaned the car so you **needn't bother** to do it.
- Judges in England **need not retire** until they are 75.
- I was very nervous before the interview, but I **needn't have worried**. Everyone was very friendly and I got the job.

**need** 作情态动词时有时也用于疑问句，但在疑问句中我们更倾向于将其视作一般动词或使用 **have to**：

- Need you go** so soon? (情态动词；不常见并且较正式)
- Do you need to go** so soon? (一般动词)       **Do you have to go** so soon?

**need** 作情态动词时很少用于肯定句，但有时在书面语，尤其是小说中会见到：

- We **need have** no fear for Nicole, she can take care of herself.

在其他类型的正式书面语中，**need** 作情态动词时常和 **only** 以及 **hardly**, **never**, **nobody/no one** 等表示否定的词连用：

- The changes **need only** be small to make the proposals acceptable. (较不正式 The changes only need to be...)
- Nobody ever need** know about the money. (较不正式 Nobody ever needs to know...)
- 'I don't want my parents to know.' 'They **need never** find out.' (较不正式 They never need to find out.)

**B** 允许某人不做某事可以用 **needn't** 或 **don't need to**：

- You **needn't cut** the grass, I'll do it later. (或 You **don't need to cut** the grass...)

表示一般的必要性多用 **don't need to**：

- You **don't need to be** over 18 to get into a disco. (而不用 You **needn't be**...)

**C** 表示没有必要做某事时可用 **needn't** 或 **don't need to**，意思上几乎没有区别：

- You **needn't whisper**. Nobody can hear us. (或 You **don't have to**...)

但如果是说话者认为没有必要，一些人倾向于用 **needn't**；如果是外部规则或其他人的行为使得某事没有必要，用 **don't have to**。试比较：

- As you worked late yesterday you **needn't come** in until 10.00 tomorrow morning. (说话者的决定)
- We've been told that we **don't have to be** at work until 10.00 tomorrow. (转述其他人的决定)

**D** **needn't** (或 **don't have to**) 可用来表示某件事不一定正确，这时不用 **mustn't** (参见 **unit 18C**)：

- Volcanoes **needn't erupt** constantly to be classified as 'active'. (或 Volcanoes **don't have to erupt**...; 而不用 Volcanoes **mustn't erupt**...)
- Nowadays it **needn't cost** a fortune to own a powerful computer. (或 Nowadays it **doesn't have to cost**...; 而不用 Nowadays it **mustn't cost**...)

**19.1** 正确搭配下列各句话的开头和结尾，用 *needn't* 和下列动词原形连接它们。(A)

bother    change    concern    panic    worry

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| 1 I'll give you a lift to the station so you...                    | ...the details on the form.          |
| 2 The questions are in the book so you...                          | ...yourself with his safety.         |
| 3 All the windows have screens so you...                           | ...to copy them down.                |
| 4 Your son is being looked after by friends so you...              | ...about booking a taxi.             |
| 5 The new tax laws don't come into force until next year so you... | ...about being bitten by mosquitoes. |

**19.2** 用正式文体改写下列句子，使用 *need*。(A)

- It is hardly necessary for us to remind you that the money is now due.  
~~...We need hardly remind you that the money is now due...~~
- It is only necessary for us to look at the population projections to see the seriousness of the problem.  
 .....
- With such a lead in the opinion polls it is hardly necessary for the Democrats to bother campaigning before the election.  
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- It is not necessary for anyone to know who paid the ransom to the kidnappers.  
 .....
- After such a huge lottery win, it is not necessary for him to work again.  
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**19.3** 在正确的答案下面画线。如果两个答案都正确，在两个答案下面都画线。(B)

- In most developed countries, people *needn't/don't need to* boil water before they drink it.
- You *needn't/don't need to* walk. I'll give you a lift.
- There'll be a handout at the end of the lecture so you *needn't/don't need to* take notes.
- You *needn't/don't need to* have a university degree to become a police officer.
- You *needn't/don't need to* buy me a birthday present.
- In most cities you *needn't/don't need to* pay to get into the galleries and museums.

**19.4** 以下节选自一家公司的总经理对员工的讲话，改正句子中的错误。(A-D)

- You needn't to worry about losing your jobs.
- Need we make any changes in company policy? We are always happy to hear your views.
- Changes in technology mustn't be a problem, but could be seen as a great opportunity.
- I don't have to remind you that we are competing with two other companies.
- I need hardly to tell you how important it is that we get this order.
- You don't have to cancel your holiday plans.
- We mustn't allow our speed of production to drop.
- The present financial difficulties mustn't mean that people will lose their jobs.