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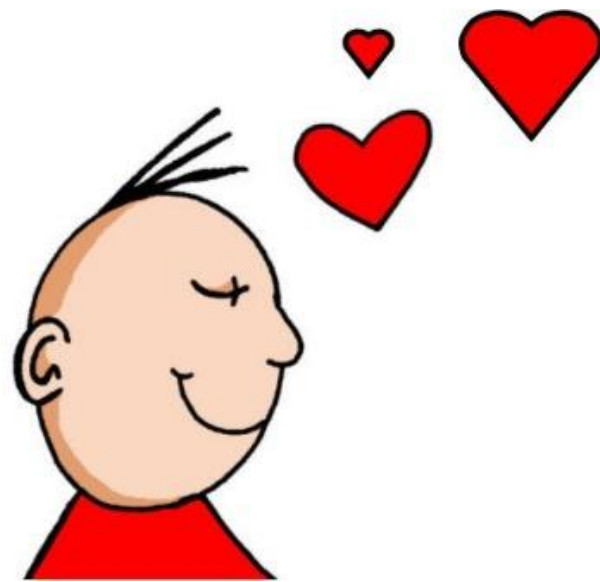
- Using the modal verb “müssen” in the imperfect tense**

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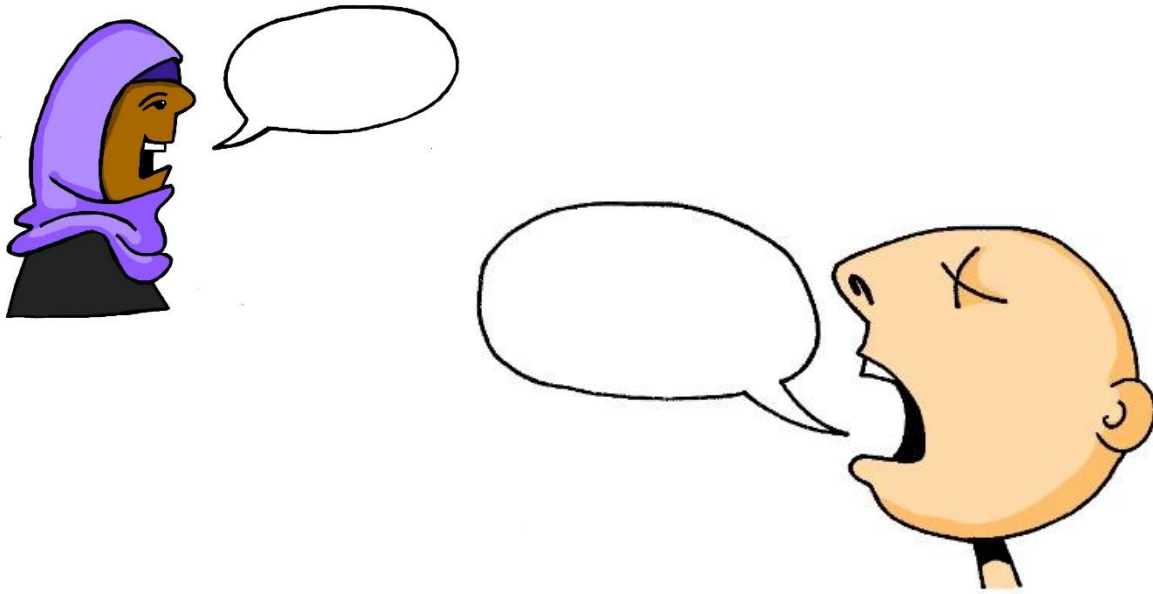
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beim Arbeitspraktikum	on work experience
Telefonanrufe machen	to make phone calls
Dokumente organisieren	to organise documents
Dokumente abheften	to file documents
Formulare ausfüllen	to fill in forms
E-mails schreiben	to write e-mails
Gäste bedienen	to serve guests
Autos waschen	to wash cars
Termine organisieren	to make appointments
müssen	to have to



müssen - to have to, must

müssen is a modal verb (meaning it is a verb that tells you what you **have to** do). Below are the verb endings in the **imperfect tense**.

ich musste	I had to
du musstest	you had to
er/sie musste	he/she had to
wir mussten	we had to
ihr musstet	you had to (plural)
sie mussten	they had to

Note that **ich** and **er/sie** are the same as well as the **wir** and **sie (plural)**



müssen

Remember: to say what someone **had to** do something, use the modal verb **müssen** with a 2nd verb in the **infinitive** at the end of the sentence:

Ich musste Telefonanrufe **machen**. I had to **make** phone calls.

Du musstest E-Mails **schreiben**. You had to **write** e-mails.



Feedback: Find the sentences!

1. I m A w.

2. E m v T o.

3. I m G b u i h d i g.

A tip: the last sentence includes a conjunction and an opinion!



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1. Ich musste Autos waschen.
2. Er musste viele Termine organisieren.
3. Ich musste Gäste bedienen und ich habe das interessant gefunden.

A tip: the last sentence includes a conjunction and an opinion!

