

Need another word that means the same as “must”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “must” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Must” are: should, have to, have got to, need to, be obliged to, be required to, be compelled to, be under an obligation to, moldiness, mustiness, not to be missed

Must as a Noun

Definitions of "Must" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “must” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A necessary or essential thing.*
- *Grape juice before or during fermentation.*
- *Something that should not be overlooked or missed.*
- *The quality of smelling or tasting old or stale or mouldy.*



Synonyms of "Must" as a noun (3 Words)

- moldiness** The quality of smelling or tasting old or stale or mouldy.
mustiness The quality of smelling or tasting old or stale or mouldy.
not to be missed A light strong brittle grey toxic bivalent metallic element.



Usage Examples of "Must" as a noun

- *Seat belts are an absolute must.*
- *This video is a must for everyone.*



Must as a Verb

Definitions of "Must" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "must" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Be obliged to; should (expressing necessity).*
- *Used in ironic questions expressing irritation.*
- *Expressing insistence.*
- *Expressing an opinion about something that is logically very likely.*



Synonyms of "Must" as a verb (8 Words)

be compelled to	Spend or use time.
be obliged to	Spend or use time.
be required to	Be identical to; be someone or something.
be under an obligation to	Be identical or equivalent to.
have got to	Have as a feature.
have to	Organize or be responsible for.
need to	Require as useful, just, or proper.
<u>should</u>	Used to give or ask advice or suggestions. <i>It is astonishing that we should find violence here.</i>



Usage Examples of "Must" as a verb

- *You must be tired.*
- *There must be something wrong.*

- *You must try some of this fish.*
- *The essay mustn't be over 2,000 words.*
- *She said she must be going.*
- *If you must smoke you could at least go in the living room.*
- *You must show your ID card.*
- *Charlotte, must you put spanners in the works?*



Associations of "Must" (30 Words)

accountability	The fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility. <i>Lack of accountability has corroded public respect for business and political leaders.</i>
compel	Force to come or go in a particular direction. <i>His striking appearance compelled attention.</i>
<u>compulsory</u>	Involving or exercising compulsion; coercive. <i>Compulsory military service.</i>

demand	The act of demanding. <i>I demand an explanation.</i>
duty	A payment levied on the import, export, manufacture, or sale of goods. <i>A strong sense of duty.</i>
essential	Basic and fundamental. <i>He was quick to grasp the essentials of an opponent's argument.</i>
flatly	Showing little interest or emotion. <i>I applied the paint flatly.</i>
impel	Drive, force, or urge (someone) to do something. <i>A lack of equality impelled the oppressed to fight.</i>
indispensability	The quality possessed by something that you cannot possibly do without.
<u>indispensable</u>	Absolutely necessary; vitally necessary. <i>He made himself indispensable to the parish priest.</i>
ineluctable	Unable to be resisted or avoided; inescapable. <i>An ineluctable destiny.</i>
<u>inevitable</u>	Incapable of being avoided or prevented. <i>The inevitable changes of the seasons.</i>
<u>inevitably</u>	In such a manner as could not be otherwise. <i>Inevitably some details are already out of date.</i>
<u>integral</u>	The result of a mathematical integration $\int f(x) dx$ is the integral of $f(x)$ if $dF = f(x) dx$. <i>Systematic training should be integral to library management.</i>
mandatory	A territory surrendered by Turkey or Germany after World War I and put under the tutelage of some other European power until they are able to stand by themselves. <i>He did not want the guidelines to be mandatory.</i>
<u>necessarily</u>	In such a manner as could not be otherwise. <i>The prognosis can necessarily be only an educated guess.</i>
necessary	(of an agent) having no independent volition. <i>They granted the necessary planning permission.</i>
need	Have need of. <i>Need I say more.</i>
obligate	Commit (assets) as security. <i>Obligate money.</i>
<u>obligated</u>	Caused by law or conscience to follow a certain course. <i>Was obligated to pay off the student loan.</i>

obligatory	Required by obligation or compulsion or convention. <i>An obligatory contribution.</i>
oblige	Be indebted or grateful. <i>My father had obliged me to the improvement of my stock.</i>
<u>perfunctory</u>	Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough. <i>Perfunctory courtesy.</i>
<u>prerequisite</u>	Something that is required in advance. <i>Latin was a prerequisite for admission.</i>
require	Require as useful just or proper. <i>It would have required much research to produce a comprehensive list.</i>
required	Required by rule. <i>Required reading.</i>
requisite	Made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations. <i>A place where the requisites of water fuel and fodder can be obtained.</i>
<u>unavoidable</u>	Impossible to avoid or evade. <i>The natural and unavoidable consequences of growing old.</i>
unconditionally	Without conditions or limits. <i>To be loved unconditionally is to be loved for who we are.</i>
<u>vital</u>	Performing an essential function in the living body. <i>The loss of vital heat in shock.</i>

