

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)

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

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

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 some details are already out of date.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



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

