Le verbe devoir

must / have to / need to

Introduction

Je dois renouveler mon passeport.

I have to renew my passport

Vous devez apporter l'ancien passeport et des photos à la mairie. Attention : les photos doivent être conformes !

You must bring the old passport and photos to the town hall. Please note: the photos must conform!

Utilisation

« devoir » = an obligation (must / have to / need to)

- Paul doit finir le compte-rendu de la réunion avant vendredi.
- *Paul has to finish writing the minutes of the meeting by Friday.*

- Les hôtesses doivent vérifier le passeport des passagers.
- *The flight attendants must check the passengers' passports.*

« devoir » = a probability / deduction (must)

- Paul doit être dans son bureau = il est certainement dans son bureau.
- *Paul must be in his office. = He is probably in his office.*

Conjugation

devoir	Have to / must / need to
Je dois	I have to / must / need to
Tu dois	You have to / must / need to
Il doit	He/ It has to / must / need to
Elle doit	She/It has to / must / need to
Nous devons	We have to / must / need to
Vous devez	You have to / must / need to
Ils doivent	They have to / must / need to (plural masculine)
Elles doivent	They have to / must / need to (plural feminine)

Remarque

The verb after the verb « devoir » is always in the infinitive form.

- Nous devons **organiser** une réunion rapidement.
- *We must* organise *a meeting quickly.*

- Tu dois **faire** une présentation demain ?
- *You have to* do *a presentation tomorrow?*



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