

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

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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