



Grammar lesson 8D (after page 592)

1. Please define the difference in meaning between these pairs of sentences (► 584).

needn't + have + past participle & didn't need / have to + infinitive

Needn't + have + past participle is used to express an action that happened although it wasn't necessary. For example:

*You **needn't have bought** this juice.* – We have a lot of juice.

Didn't need / have to + infinitive is used to express an action that didn't happen because it wasn't necessary. For example:

*I **didn't need / have to write** to him as my friend had already spoken to him on the phone.*

1. We needn't have driven so fast. – ***We drove fast but it wasn't necessary.***
We didn't need to drive so fast. – ***We didn't drive fast because it wasn't necessary.***

2. I needn't have given him any money.
I didn't need to give him any money.

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3. I needn't have shouted at her.
I didn't need to shout at her.

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4. We needn't have bought so much juice.
We didn't need to buy so much juice.

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5. I needn't have discussed it with him.
I didn't need to discuss it with him.

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2. Choose the best form (sometimes both forms may be possible).

1. We **may** / *might* win, but I don't think there's much chance.
2. That *can't* / *mustn't* be his son – they're nearly the same age.
3. We *can* / *may* decide to go camping again in August.