

# didn't need to do needn't have done

## didn't need to do

Someone didn't need to do something

It was not necessary for someone to do something and the person knew this at the time.

Whether they did it or not depends on the context.

## needn't have done

Someone needn't have done something

Someone did something, although they now know it wasn't necessary.

### Exercise

Mr. Peters told us we could choose to do this assignment or not.

- A) I didn't need to do it.
- B) I needn't have done it.

The weather forecast said that it was going to be a sunny day, but she took her umbrella anyway.

- A) She didn't need to take it.
- B) She needn't have taken it.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. There was no need for us to hurry to the airport, we were perfectly on time.  
**hurry**  
We were perfectly on time, so we .....  
to the airport.
2. She cooked more food than was necessary for the party.  
**so**  
She needn't.....for the party.
3. The guards closed the street, even though it wasn't necessary.  
**have**  
The guards ..... the street,  
but they did anyway.
4. It wasn't necessary for Alan to get the taxi as his mother gave him a lift.  
**did**  
Alan .....the taxi as his mother gave him a lift.
5. It wasn't necessary for you to buy food. Our fridge is full.  
**have**  
You ..... food. Our fridge is full.