

# Uses of Need

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I **want** to take a vacation.

We **need** money for a vacation.

I have a great computer, but I **want** a new one.

My computer broke. I **need** a new one.

She broke her leg. She **needs** to go to the hospital.

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In this use of the word **need**, the modal auxiliaries, **must**, **have to**, or **have got to** can provide the same meaning.

You **need** to get into groups of three.

You **must** get into groups of three.

You **have to** get into groups of three.

You **have got to** get into groups of three.

Notice that **must** uses the infinitive form of the main verb without **to**.

**Need** and **want** can have the same meaning when used by a person in a position of authority.

I **need** (**want**) you to get into groups of three to discuss the assignment.



**Need** can provide the same meaning as the modal auxiliary **should** to indicate advisability.

She **needs** to be more patient.

She **should** be more patient.

We **need** to find someone with good ideas.

We **should** find someone with good ideas.

**Need** can be used as a noun.

He is in **need** of a job.

Are you in **need** of help?

There is no **need** for you to worry.

We all have the **need** to be appreciated.

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**Need** is used as a verb with an object.

He **needs** a job.

I **need** money to pay the rent.

Plants **need** water to stay alive.

The baseball team **needs** another player.



**Need** has an adjective form.

There are many **needy** people living on the streets.

Some charities ask people to help **needy** children.

My friend wants to be around people all the time. He is very **needy**.

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Click on the correct statements.

He should to work harder.

**incorrect**

He should work harder. or

He needs to work harder.

**correct**

My brother is lost. I need to find him.

**correct**

Her glasses broke.

**correct**

She is in need of new glasses.

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