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You are allowed to (formal)	You must (+++)	You've got to (++)
You may (very formal)		You have to (++)

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It is not required		It is forbidden (+++)
	You shouldn't (+)	You are not supposed to (+)
You don't have to	You mustn't (+++)	You can't - informal (++)
		You are not allowed to - formal (++)

Questions

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Can I go now?	Can you help me? (very informal)	Shall I open the window?	Should I sell the car?	Do I have to sit here?	Do I have to wear a tie?
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