

Grammar Lesson  
**Lesson 01: I have so much stuff to do!**  
レッスン 01: 色々なことをしなければならない!**Target: Expressing obligation**  
目的: しなければならないことについて話しましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a ton of...	たくさんの	• come through for...	期待に応える
• a complete mess	ひどい散らかりよう	• longtime	昔からの
• however	しかし	• run an errand	用事を済ませる
• out of the way	人通りを離れて	• pile up	山積する
• get around to...	~するための時間を見つける	• on one's plate	やるべきこと
• considering that	を考えると	• a whirlwind of...	慌ただしさ
• give someone a hand	(人)に手を貸す	• get oneself organized	整理整頓する
• a life saver	命の恩人	• accomplish...	果たす
• unruly	荒れている	• one's in-laws	義理の両親

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

**Peter:** I have a ton of things to do today. My house is a complete mess. I have to dust and clean up my room, renew my bus pass and sort the laundry. I need to mop the floor, but I don't have time so I'll do it tomorrow. However, I must take out the garbage as it smells quite bad. I should do a load of laundry too, but my washing machine is broken and the coin laundry is a bit out of the way; I'll get around to it sometime tomorrow.

**Sam:** My wife is supposed to pick up the kids from school today and take them to soccer practice. I did it last week so it's her turn this week. She's got to make dinner for our house guests this evening so I may need to give her a hand. Considering that, I ought to mow the lawn as it's getting a bit unruly. My wife always says that I'm a life saver as I always come through for her by helping out! The Johnsons are longtime friends of ours and they're always a pleasure to have as company. My wife and Mrs. Johnson often run errands together and have afternoon tea. It seems they have to meet at least once a week for some reason or another.

**Brian:** Why me? It seems every day I have an unbelievable list of things that I must do. It's definitely not my week. My tasks at work are piling up and I have a ton on my plate. I've got to finish my report by Friday this week for the meeting the following Monday. I ought to reschedule it as I can't see any way I'll be able to finish on time, but I have to do it. Plus, Thursday I have to go to Tokyo for a one day business trip. I have to give a presentation on the sales plan for the second half of the year. This is going to be a whirlwind of a week. I've got to get myself organized quickly so I can accomplish everything I have to do.

**Stacy:** I'm so busy this week. There are just so many things that I have to do. My in-laws are coming over for dinner today so let's have a look at my to-do-list. Hmm, I have to clean the house. I need to wash all the dishes. I need to do the laundry. I have to do the ironing. I have to vacuum the floor. I need to dust the living room. I have to buy all the ingredients for dinner and then I've got to cook dinner. I need to pick the kids up from school at 4:00pm and I have to pick up my husband from the station at 6:00pm. Also, I'm supposed to go over to my friend's house to drop off a DVD I rented but I don't think I'm going to have time for that so I guess I'll just have to do that tomorrow. My in-laws are arriving at 7:30pm, so I need to finish everything before they arrive. This is going to be hard.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Who has to renew their bus pass?
- What must Peter take out?
- Who is supposed to pick the kids up from soccer practice?
- Who ought to mow the lawn?
- Who has got to finish a report by Friday?
- What does Stacy need to vacuum?
- What time does Stacy need to pick up her kids from school?
- How many examples of obligation can you find?

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