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Phil

Hi, this is Question and Answer of the Week. I'm Phil.

Jiaying

... and I'm Jiaying. 本期节目中要回答的问题来自一位网友。问题是这样的：

Question

您好！我在学习中遇到了“**need**”作为常规动词和情态动词的用法：

Maybe I **need** to make a calendar for you.

Maybe I **need** make a calendar for you.

这两句话中“**need**”的用法有错误吗？

Phil

Thank you so much for that question! 'Need' is a little tricky, so I definitely think we should have a close look at it.

Jiaying

“**Need**”是半情态动词，也就是说它既可以作情态动词，也可以作常规动词使用。

“**Need**”的这两种用法之间，有哪些区别呢？

Phil

Let's start by looking at how it works as a main verb.

Jiaying

好，先来看“**need**”作常规动词时的用法。第一个用法是：如果某人“**need to do something**”，意思就是“必须履行、不得不、需要做某事”，没有其它的选择。

Phil

Yes, and don't forget that when you use 'need' as a main verb before another verb, we put the other verb in the infinitive, and that's always with 'to'.

Jiaying

别忘了，“need”作常规动词时，后可接不定式“to do”，也就是“need to do something（必须、需要做某事）”。来听两个例句。

Examples

You need to study hard before your exam.

（考试前你需要努力学习。）

I need to find out what the questions are going to be about!

（我得弄清考题是关于什么内容的！）

Jiaying

“Need”作常规动词时的第二个用法是：“need + 名词或名词短语”，表示“需要某物或某人”。听两个例句。

Examples

You need a calculator for the exam.

（考试时你需要一个计算器。）

I just need a good teacher who can help me!

（我只是需要一位能帮助我的好老师！）

Jiaying

在上面的两个例句中，常规动词“need”后接名词或名词短语，表示“需要某物或某人”。

与英语中的大多数动词一样，常规动词“need”的否定形式是在它的前面加上“don't”或“doesn't”，也就是“don't need”或“doesn't need”，意思是“不需要，不想要”，而不是“必须不”。我们来听两个例句。

Examples

You don't need to bring paper – it's supplied.

（你不需要带纸，到时候会提供给你的。）

She doesn't need to prepare – she knows everything!

（她不需要为考试做准备，她什么都知道！）

Phil

To make questions, we use the auxiliary 'do'.

Jiaying

在疑问句中，根据主语的人称，应用“do”或“does”等助动词开头。听两个例句。

Examples

Do I need to arrive early?

(我需要早到吗?)

Does she need to register when she arrives?

(她到达考场时需要登记吗?)

Jiaying

与英语中的大多数动词一样，常规动词“need”随人称和时态的变化而产生变化。

Examples

She needs to pass the exam for her job.

(她为了工作需要通过考试。)

I needed to pass lots of exams to get this job.

(当时我需要通过很多考试才得到这份工作。)

Phil

So, going back to our question – if you say 'Maybe I need to make a calendar for you' – it's a correct way to use 'need' as a main verb – it's followed by the infinitive with 'to'.

Jiaying

所以本期节目问题中的第一句话是正确的：“Maybe I need to make a calendar for you.”在这里，“need”作常规动词使用，后接不定式“to do”。

那么，“need”作情态动词时该怎么用呢？

Phil

Well, two very important things – like other modal verbs, when we use it with another verb, we don't use 'to' with the infinitive.

Examples

No one need know how much you studied, as long as you pass.

(只要你通过考试，没人需要知道你学了多久。)

The last question needn't be a problem.

(试卷上的最后一道题不是问题。)

Jiaying

大家可能已经发现了，“need”作情态动词使用时，本身不随主语的人称的变化而变化。

Phil

And something else you might have seen is that both sentences had a negative meaning. We only usually use the modal form of 'need' in sentences that talk about absence of obligation.

Jiaying

是的，刚刚的例句都是带有否定的含义，句中都使用了像“no one、nothing”或“nobody”这样的词。我们通常只用情态动词“need”来谈论“无需履行的义务”。另外，情态动词“need”不能与名词或名词短语搭配使用。

Examples

Nothing need change – let's carry on like before.

（没有要改的东西，咱们像以前那样做下去。）

Nobody need do anything. It's great as it is.

（没有人需要做任何事情。现在这样就很好。）

Jiaying

接着再来看本期节目问题中的第二句话。我们不能说：“Maybe I need make a calendar for you.” 因为这是肯定句，所以“need”不能作情态动词使用。

Phil

While we're talking about negatives with the modal form of 'need', it's important to point out that, like with other modal verbs, we make the negative by putting 'not' after 'need' – and it's often contracted to 'needn't'.

Jiaying

“Need”作情态动词使用时，它的否定形式是“need + not”，常缩写为“needn't”。听两个例句。

Examples

He needn't tell me. I don't need to know.

（他不必告诉我，我不需要知道。）

You needn't buy any more books – these are enough.

（你不需要再买书了，这些就够了。）

Jiaying

同样，当情态动词“need”用在疑问句中时，“need”放在主语前。听两个例句。

Examples

Need I study everything?

(我需要学习所有的东西吗?)

Need I bring a pen?

(我需要带钢笔吗?)

Phil

One final point is to mention that the modal form of 'need' can often sound quite formal.

Jiaying

对的，当“need”作情态动词使用时，听上去比较正式。

Phil

OK, we hope that's answered your question!

Jiaying

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Phil

Bye!