

## GRAMMAR NOTES

### 1 Can't Stay, Gotta Go

This chant practices *can't* and *have got to*. Students should note that *have got to* is often reduced to *gotta* in spoken American English.

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### 2 Can't You Stay for a While?

This chant practices *can't* in questions and *have to* in statements. Students should note the use of *I wish I could* to express polite refusal in response to a question.

## 1 Can't Stay, Gotta Go

Can't stay, gotta go.

Can't stay, gotta go.

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go!

Can't stay.

O.K.

Gotta go, can't wait.

You're late.

Gotta go, can't wait.

Hurry up! You're late.

Gotta run.

Have fun.

Can't wait.

You're late.

Gotta go, can't stay.

Gotta go!

## 2 Can't You Stay for a While?

Can't you stay for a while?

I wish I could

but I have to go to work in the morning.

Can't you stay for lunch?

I wish I could

but I have to get back to my office.

Can't you take a break?

I wish I could.

Can't you take a day off?

I wish I could.

Can't you stay for a while?

I wish I could

but I have to go to work in the morning.

### 3 This Can't Be Right

This chant illustrates the use of *can't/has to/have to/don't have to* in talking about directions.

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### 3 This Can't Be Right

This can't be right.

It has to be wrong.

This trip can't possibly  
take this long.

Can't we ask somebody where we are?

Can't we take a rest? Can't we stop the car?

We don't have to stop.

I know the way.

I take this road almost every day.

### 4 We've Gotta Get Going

This chant practices *have to/don't have to/have got to* in statements. It illustrates the contrast between the simple verb *have* and the verb phrase *have to/have got to*. Students should note that *gotta* is an acceptable form of spoken American English, but the correct written form is *have got to*.

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### 4 We've Gotta Get Going

We've gotta get going.

Our plane is going to leave.

We have to be there by seven.

We have plenty of time.

It's only five.

We don't have to be there till seven.

We've gotta leave now.

We have plenty of time.

We have to get going.

We have lots of time.

We have to get moving.

We have plenty of time.

We don't have to be there till seven.