

Rules, obligations, restrictions and suggestions



i. Read the statements below. What do they mean?

1) Interviews in progress. Silence please between 9:00am and 12.30pm

- a) It is forbidden to enter this room between 9am and 12.30pm.
- b) You must not make any noise outside this room between 9am and 12.30pm.
- c) You can use this room if you want somewhere silent to work between 9am and 12.30pm.

2) All visitors must report to reception on arrival

- a) Visitors cannot go anywhere in the building unless they go to reception first.
- b) Before visitors arrive they should call reception and let them know they are coming.
- c) Visitors must wait in the reception area until someone comes out to meet them.

3) All students must show their student card to qualify for discount tickets

- a) Students cannot buy a ticket without their student card.
- b) Unless students have a student card, they will not be able to buy cheap tickets.
- c) Students who buy a student card here will not need to pay the usual amount to see a film.

4) NO PARKING AT ANY TIME. GARAGE IN CONSTANT USE

- a) You cannot use this garage to park your own vehicle.
- b) There is no parking available at this garage because it is always very busy.
- c) You cannot park a vehicle in front of this garage.

5) A £100 fine will be applied to all overdue payments


- a) If you cannot pay all of your bill on time, you can pay £100 now and the rest later.

- b) If you pay your tax bill on time, you will get a £100 discount.
- c) If you do not pay your bill on time, you will have to pay an extra £100.

6) The management has decided that Fridays will be casual Fridays. Employees can use sports footwear and clothes too.

- a) Employees don't need to wear smart clothes on Fridays.
- b) Employees must not wear suits and ties on Fridays.
- c) Employees can work from home on Fridays.

ii. Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

 **Are the speakers giving advice, referring to rules or talking about restrictions?**

1. _____ I use your mobile to make a quick call? I can't find mine.
2. Sheena _____ do housework anymore. She's just bought a domestic robot that does it for her.
3. All visitors _____ have a visa. You will not be allowed into the country without one.
4. We _____ reserve a table at the restaurant. It's never full on Thursday nights.
5. The US president _____ be in office for more than two terms. It's prohibited by the constitution.
6. How many hours a day _____ a professional violinist practice in order to maintain their high level of playing?
7. Mum _____ work this Saturday, so we can't all go away for the weekend.
8. You _____ feed the animals at a zoo! They get ill if they eat the wrong food.

iii. Read the banners on top of each group of sentences and express the same idea in different ways. Use the words and expressions in the box to complete the statements. You must use each expression only once.

can / be allowed to / have to / need to / (not) need to

may / must / can't / (not) be allowed to / (not) have to

Picnics permitted in this area

You _____ have a picnic here.

You _____ have a picnic here.

You _____ have a picnic here.

Free concert today!

You _____ pay to see the concert.

You _____ pay to see the concert.

Password necessary

You _____ use a password.

You _____ use a password.

You _____ use a password.

No talking!

You _____ talk in here.

You _____ talk in here.



💡 Use contractions and don't forget to use the correct verb forms when necessary.

