

# 55 Signs and notices



## SPOTLIGHT *allow and let*

If you **allow** somebody to do something, you say that they can do something **SYN let**.

- My parents **allow me to go** on holiday with friends.
- My parents **let me go** on holiday with friends.

**Allow** is often used in the negative.

- Smoking **is not allowed** = no smoking.

In spoken English, you can say.

- You **aren't allowed to smoke** in cinemas. (NOT *it's not allowed to smoke in cinemas*.)

## GLOSSARY

|                      |                                                                                          |
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| sign                 | a small piece of writing or a picture that tells you sth                                 |
| notice               | a piece of writing that tells you sth, usually information                               |
| closed               | not open <b>SYN shut</b>                                                                 |
| toilet               | (see picture)                                                                            |
| exit                 | a way to go out of a building <b>SYN way out</b>                                         |
| sale                 | a time when a shop sells things for less money than usual                                |
| keep left            | stay on the left <b>ALSO keep right</b>                                                  |
| out of order         | broken; not working correctly                                                            |
| no parking           | = do not leave your car here                                                             |
| danger               | the possibility that sth bad may happen                                                  |
| entrance             | a way to go into a building <b>enter v</b>                                               |
| feed                 | give food to sb or sth                                                                   |
| no vacancies         | In a hotel window, <b>no vacancies</b> means that the hotel is full.                     |
| queue                | wait in a line of people                                                                 |
| mind                 | be careful of sb or sth: <b>mind the step</b> ; <b>mind your head</b> (above a low door) |
| gap                  | the space between two things<br>(here, the space between a train and the platform)       |
| keep off (the grass) | do not go on (the grass)                                                                 |

1 Match 1-9 with a-j.

▶ NO SMOKING

1 No parking

2 Exit

3 Please queue here

4 OUT OF ORDER

5 Mind the gap

6 SALE

7 Entrance

8 No vacancies

9 DANGER

a The hotel is full.

b It's broken.

c It's not safe here.

d You can go in here.

e Everything is cheaper at the moment.

f You can't leave your car here.

g Do not smoke here. ✓

h This is the way out.

i Be careful when you get off the train.

j Wait in a line here.

2 Where can you see these signs? Circle the correct answer.

▶ Keep left: in the underground / in a supermarket

1 No Parking: in a road / in a shop

2 Toilets: in a restaurant / in a kitchen

3 Entrance: in a school / in a house

4 SALE: in a shop window / in a restaurant

5 OUT OF ORDER: on a menu / on a drinks machine

6 No vacancies: on a bridge / in a hotel window

7 DANGER: near the sea / near a shopping centre

8 Please queue this side: in a bank / on a telephone

3 Complete the sentences.

▶ It clearly says no parking in front of the garage doors.

1 There are NO SMOKING everywhere on the underground.

2 Did you read that ? It said, dogs are not allowed on the beach.

3 There was a big sign for a in the window of that clothes shop.

4 The notice says that you aren't to walk on the grass.

5 It said CLOSED on the door, but the sales assistant me go in and buy something.

6 You have to mind the when you get off the train.

7 I'm afraid the shop is for lunch at the moment. It doesn't again until 2.30.

8 The sign says: 'Don't the ducks'. Bread is bad for them.

9 the step when you go out of the door.

10 We found the for women, but we couldn't find one for men.

4 Complete the dialogues.

▶ Can we go up on the right side?

~ No, the sign says keep left.

1 Can I leave my car here?

~ No, it says .

2 Can we go out here?

~ No, it says .

3 Can I have a cigarette?

~ No, the sign says .

4 Can we walk across the park here?

~ No, look, the sign says .

5 Can we use the machine over there?

~ No, it says .

6 Can we give this bread to the monkeys?

~ No, the sign says .

7 Can we take the dog in the park?

~ No, it says that dogs aren't .

8 Can we stand and wait over there?

~ No, it says, please .

9 Is it safe to swim here?

~ No, it says .

10 Can we walk up the left side?

~ No, it says .

5 Complete these notices.

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| NO<br><u>PARKING</u> |
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