



Rules everywhere

Rule, rules, rules! They're everywhere.
Follow the rules and life will be fair.
Here are some rules you should obey.
Try and follow these rules today.

- 5 Wait at the bus stop patiently in a queue.
There are plenty of seats, for me and you.
We shouldn't push like shoppers in the sales.
Don't run around, move as slowly as snails.

- In restaurants, speak softly and never shout.
10 We should eat quietly when we dine out.
We shouldn't eat like greedy lions — roar!
Keep your mouth closed. No food on the floor!

- In the classroom we must wait for our turn.
If everyone has a go, we all can learn.
15 Listen when your teacher tells you what to do.
Your teacher always wants the best for you.

- We shouldn't play music loudly on the MTR.
It's a public place, not a private car.
People mustn't smoke or eat or drink.
20 All these things make the MTR stink!

Always be on time; we shouldn't be late.
It's very impolite to make people wait.
Follow the rules and you will soon see
The world is a better place for you and me.



Date: _____

**B** Read the poem again and write short answers.

- 1 In which two places does the writer say we should wait?

_____ and _____

- 2 Find a word in the poem which means 'to have a bad smell'.

**C** Blacken ● the circles.

- 1 Why does the writer mention snails in line 8?

- ☐ A. He thinks snails are polite animals.
☐ B. We shouldn't take snails to a shopping mall.
☐ C. They move slowly and people should do the same.
☐ D. He thinks shoppers are like snails.

- 2 Read line 14. What does 'go' mean?

- ☐ A. (n) energy, e.g. *I'm full of go this morning so I want to do plenty of exercise.*
☐ B. (n) a chance to take part in an activity, e.g. *Do you want to have a go on my bike?*
☐ C. (v) to move or travel to a place, e.g. *I go to school by bus.*
☐ D. (v) to begin doing something, e.g. *The race starts when the teacher says 'Go!'.*

- 3 Which of the following rules can't you find in the poem?

- ☐ A. We should obey our teachers.
☐ B. We shouldn't push shoppers in shopping centres.
☐ C. We shouldn't jump the queue.
☐ D. We shouldn't speak loudly in restaurants.



Check the sentences
against the poem.

- 4 The writer mentions greedy lions because he thinks we ____.

- ☐ A. should roar like lions
☐ B. shouldn't eat messily and noisily
☐ C. should eat a lot of meat like lions
☐ D. should behave well when we visit the zoo

- ★ 5 What is the writer's opinion of rules?

- ☐ A. There are too many rules. ☐ B. Rules make life better.
☐ C. Rules are difficult to obey. ☐ D. We should have more rules.

★ = more challenging question