55 Signs and notices

GLOSSARY

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 SYN **shut**
toilet	*(see picture)*
exit	a way to go out of a building SYN **way out**
sale	a time when a shop sells things for less money than usual
keep left	stay on the left ALSO **keep right**
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 **enter** *v*
feed	give food to sb or sth
no vacancies	In a hotel window, **no vacancies** means that the hotel is full.
queue	wait in a line of people
mind	be careful of sb or sth: ***mind*** *the step;* ***mind*** *your head* (above a low door)
gap	the space between two things (here, the space between a train and the platform)
keep off (the grass)	do no go on (the grass)

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.*~~)

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1 Match 1–9 with a–j.

▶ NO SMOKING g
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.

NO PARKING	NO _____	PLEASE _____ _____	MIND _____ _____	MIND _____ _____	KEEP _____

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