

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

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 (<i>see picture</i>)
toilet	
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)

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

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- 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

