


A Read the poem.

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.
- 10 In restaurants, speak softly and never shout.
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!
- 15 In the classroom we must wait for our turn.
If everyone has a go, we all can learn.
Listen when your teacher tells you what to do.
Your teacher always wants the best for you.
- 20 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.
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?

<input type="radio"/> A. There are too many rules.	<input type="radio"/> B. Rules make life better.
<input type="radio"/> C. Rules are difficult to obey.	<input type="radio"/> D. We should have more rules.

★ = more challenging question