

GIVING AND REFUSING PERMISSION

'LET' AND 'ALLOW'

Both 'let' and 'allow' can be used to talk about giving and refusing permission.

Let

subject	let	object	Bare infinitive (infinitive without to)
<i>They</i>	<i>let</i>	<i>me</i>	<i>take pictures</i>
<i>They</i>	<i>didn't let</i>	<i>me</i>	<i>record the conversation</i>

Allow

subject	allow	object	infinitive with 'to'
<i>They</i>	<i>allowed</i>	<i>me</i>	<i>to go to the concert</i>
<i>She</i>	<i>won't allow</i>	<i>anyone</i>	<i>to drink alcohol before driving</i>

Allow (usually in the passive)

subject	verb 'to be'	allowed	infinitive with 'to'
<i>He</i>	<i>wasn't</i>	<i>allowed</i>	<i>to smoke at work</i>
<i>Nobody</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>allowed</i>	<i>to accept tips</i>

Exercise 1:

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1.	If I promise to give it straight back...	a.	you are not allowed to take them
2.	I'm not allowed to smoke...	b.	please let me go with you.
3.	Please leave the CDs here -	c.	... take the CDs home?
4.	I have to stay at home tonight -	d.	... will you let me use your car?
5.	I allow the children to stay up later...	e.	... at weekends.
6.	You are only allowed to buy alcohol in British pubs...	f.	my mum won't let me go out.
7.	I don't want to go by myself -	g.	... if you are 18 or over.
8.	Why won't they let people...	h.	... in the office.

WRITE 5 THINGS YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO AT SCHOOL

- 1.- _____
- 2.- _____
- 3.- _____
- 4.- _____
- 5.- _____

WRITE 3 THINGS YOUR PARENTS DON'T LET YOU DO

- 1.- _____
- 2.- _____
- 3.- _____

YOU ARE THE OWNER OF AN AMUSEMENT ARCADE. WRITE WHAT IT'S ALLOWED AND WHAT IT'S NOT ALLOWED.

- 1.- _____
- 2.- _____
- 3.- _____