



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)
They	let	me	take pictures
They	didn't let	me	record the conversation

Allow

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

Allow (passive)

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

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.-
- 4.-
- 5.-