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# Grammar Challenge

Let and allow



### **Practice activities**

#### **Exercise 1:**

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1.	If I promise to give it straight back
2.	I'm not allowed to smoke
3.	Please leave the CDs here -
4.	I have to stay at home tonight -
5.	I allow the children to stay up later
6.	You are only allowed to buy alcohol in British pubs
7.	I don't want to go by myself -
8.	Why won't they let people

a.	you are not allowed to take them
	home.
b.	please let me go with you.
c.	take the CDs home?
d.	will you let me use your car?
e.	at weekends.
f.	my mum won't let me go out.
g.	if you are 18 or over.
h.	in the office.

### **Exercise 2: Correct / Wrong**

Read the sentences and decide whether they are grammatically correct or wrong.

- 1. My parents wouldn't let me to get married until my older brother was married.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 2. I do not allow my daughter staying out after 8 o'clock at night.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 3. The university does not allow students who are very late to enter lectures.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 4. In the UK, people are not let drive a car until they are 17 years old.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 5. You're only allowed to eat here if you're wearing formal clothes.
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong
- 6. There is a snake in that box. Don't let it out!
- a. Correct
- b. Wrong

## Grammar Challenge – 'make' & 'let' practice activities Answers

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Read the sentences and decide whether they are grammatically correct or wrong.

- 1. My parents wouldn't let me to get married until my older brother was married.
- a. Correct form No 'let' is followed by an object + infinitive without 'to'
- b. Wrong form Yes 'let' is followed by an object + infinitive without 'to'
- 2. I do not allow my daughter staying out after 8 o'clock at night.
- a. Correct form No 'allow' is followed by an object + infinitive with 'to'
- b. Wrong form Yes 'allow' is followed by an object + infinitive with 'to'
- 3. The university does not allow students who are very late to enter lectures.
- a. Correct form Yes 'allow' is followed by a subject (this one has a relative clause) + the infinitive with 'to'
- b. Wrong form No 'allow' is followed by a subject (this one has a relative clause) + the infinitive with 'to'
- 4. In the UK, people are not let drive a car until they are 17 years old.
- a. Correct form No 'let' is not usually used in a passive form
- b. Wrong form Yes 'let' is not usually used in a passive form

- 5. You're only allowed to eat here if you're wearing formal clothes.
- a. Correct form Yes in both active and passive forms, 'allow' is followed by a subject + the infinitive with 'to'
- b. Wrong form No in both active and passive forms, 'allow' is followed by a subject + the infinitive with 'to'
- 6. There is a snake in that box. Don't let it out!
- a. Correct form Yes 'let' can be followed by an object + a prepositional phrase
- b. Wrong form No 'let' can be followed by an object + a prepositional phrase