

English Grammar – “Allowed to” (rules)

Informal English: You can smoke here.

 You can't smoke here.

Formal English: You are allowed to smoke here.

 You aren't allowed to smoke here.

Other vocabulary:

to **permit** somebody to do something

It is **permitted** to smoke.

My wife never **permits** me to smoke.

to **let** somebody do something

He **lets** me smoke.

Please **let** me smoke.

to **authorize** somebody to do something

He is **authorized** to enter.

I can give you **authorization** to enter.

to **disallow** something / to **disallow** somebody to do something

Facebook **disallows** the use of fake news.

The law **disallows** companies from importing raw materials from abroad.

to **ban** something/ to **ban** somebody to do something

Facebook **bans** the use of fake news.

The law **bans** companies from importing raw materials from abroad.

to **prohibit** somebody from doing something

It is **prohibited** to smoke.

My wife **prohibits** me from smoking.

to **forbid** somebody to do something

It is **forbidden** to smoke.

My wife **forbids** me to smoke.

to **bar** somebody from somewhere / to **bar** somebody from doing something

He is **barred** from the bar.

The college **bars** everybody from taking drinks away.

Conversation

What are the rules at your office? What are you **allowed** to do? What are you **not allowed** to do?
Are you **allowed** to smoke? Are you **allowed** to wear anything you like? Are you **allowed** to go home early? Are you **allowed** to arrive late?

Exercise. Describe the rules below.



You are allowed to drive up to 50 kph (or mph).

or: You aren't allowed to drive over 50 kph (or mph).



(Note: 'P' in the UK or USA)














