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Introduction



A sign is a written or printed mark that has a standard meaning.

1. Signs are posted to give us important information.
2. If we don't obey what the signs say, the police can give us a ticket.
3. The most common type of signs are traffic signs.
4. Some signs have letters and some have pictures. Some signs have both letters and pictures.

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Vocabulary Exercise

Label the signs with the words below.

no dogs
no smoking

no phones
rubbish

no photos
toilets



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Where do you see these signs?

Study the words below

MODAL VERBS FOR PERMISSION

Can / Can't = You *do / don't have the permission* to do something



You **can** use your phone here.

➤ You have the permission to use your phone here.

May / May not = You *do / don't have the permission* to do something



You **may walk** your dog here.

➤ You have the permission to walk your dog here.

Must / Must not = It is important that you *do/don't do* something.



You **must** be quiet.

➤ It is important to be quiet.

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Sentence Completion

Use the pictures from page 2 to help you complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. "You _____ smoke here."
2. "You _____ use your phone."
3. "You _____ walk your dog here."
4. "It's a long was to the beach. _____ I go to the toilet before leave?"
5. "You _____ take pictures in the museum."
6. "Don't throw your rubbish on the grass. You _____ put it in the bin."

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Road Signs

Match the pictures to the names of the signs below and answer the question for each item. Discuss.

parking
cycle lane

no entry
turn left

speed limit
turn right

no parking
pedestrian crossing



Can you ride your bike here?



Can you go this way?



Can you walk across the road?



Can you drive faster than 40mph?



Can park here?



Can you turn right?

A New Parking Sign



It was 6 p.m. Wednesday. Mel and Irene were standing near his old Buick. He parked the car on the same street every night. He was shaking his head. "It's not fair. It's not right," he said. "Look. It's a brand new sign. Look how shiny it is." The brand new parking sign said, "No Parking 7:30am-9am Wednesday." The old parking sign had said, "No Parking 1pm-2:30pm

Wednesday." "My neighbors and I park on this street," said Mel. "We know that we can't park here from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. But early this morning they changed these signs. Did they warn us? Did they say anything to us? No. But, they told parking enforcement! Parking enforcement wrote 25 tickets this morning! Twenty-five tickets! I counted them! Each ticket is \$48. We always move our cars before 1:00. Now we've got to fight these tickets. Why didn't they warn us?"

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Reading Comprehension

Answer the questions

1. True or False?

- It was 6a.m., Wednesday.
- Buick is standing with Mel and Irene outside the house.
- The old sign says No Parking 1:30pm-2:30pm Wednesday.
- The new sign says No Parking 7:30am-9am Wednesday.

2. When was the sign changed?

3. Who were informed of the change?

4. How much is each parking ticket?

5. Are they going to pay the parking tickets?



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Notices

Where can you find these notices? Choose the best place.

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Now match the signs on the previous page to the sentences.

- _____ 1. The elevator isn't working.
- _____ 2. Do not make any noise.
- _____ 3. You mustn't take food into the museum.
- _____ 4. You can't drive to the end of the street.
- _____ 5. Walk on the path.
- _____ 6. Watch your head.
- _____ 7. You can't speak your native language.
- _____ 8. You mustn't go in the water.
- _____ 9. Don't leave the entrance open.

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Speaking Exercise



1. What signs do you usually see at schools?
2. What signs do you usually see at offices?
3. What signs do you usually see at hospitals?
4. What signs do you usually see at airports?
5. What signs do you usually see at public areas?
6. Which signs do you think are usually being followed? Why?
7. Which signs do you think are usually NOT being followed? Why?

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Minimal Pairs

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hop	chop
who	chew
hawk	chalk
hip	chip
heart	chart
heap	cheap

J	Ch
Jane	chain
jeep	cheap
junk	chunk
joke	choke
jive	chive
jello	cello

J	H
G	he
jeep	heap
jug	hug
Jill	hill
jail	jail
jut	hut



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