

If I had the chance...

ACTIVITY

Whole class: writing, speaking

AIM

To write about and discuss what you would do if you were in different positions of authority.

GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS

Make + noun/pronoun + infinitive to express obligation

Let + noun + infinitive to express permission

Not let to express prohibition

VOCABULARY

General

PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student in the class and cut it into sections A, B, C and D as indicated.

TIME

30 minutes

PROCEDURE

1 Explain to the students that they are going to invent a list of rules they would impose if they were in positions of authority.

2 Give section A of the worksheet to each student in the class and ask them to think about what they would do if they were their own parents. They should then complete the sentences:

If I were my parents, I'd make my children ...

I'd let them ...

I wouldn't let them ...

Elicit some suggestions.

For example:

If I were my parents, I'd make my children continue their studies for as long as possible / learn foreign languages / do their homework.

I'd let them choose their own clothes / cook their own meals / bring their friends home.

I wouldn't let them smoke / have a pet snake / come into the house with boots on.

Make it clear to the students that this is a light-hearted activity and encourage them to use their imagination.

3 Now ask the students to compare their sentences with other students in the class.

4 Repeat the activity, using sections B, C and D.

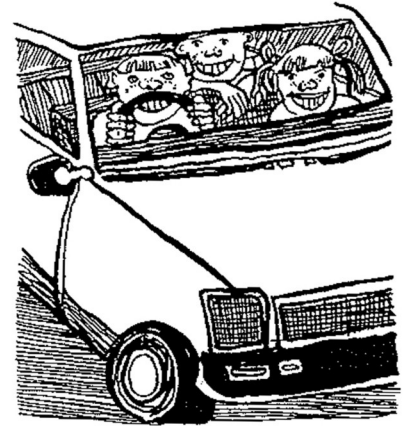


A If I were my parents,...

I'd make my children _____

I'd let them _____

I wouldn't let them _____



B If I were a teacher,...

I'd make my pupils _____

I'd let them _____

I wouldn't let them _____



C If I were the manager of my country's football team,...

I'd make my players _____

I'd let them _____

I wouldn't let them _____



D If I were the manager of a big company,...

I'd make my employees _____

I'd let them _____

I wouldn't let them _____



Jumbled questions

Target language: *make, let, allow*

Activity type: questionnaire

When to use: Use this activity after Lesson 9.1.

Time taken: 20 minutes

Preparation: Photocopy and cut up one worksheet for each student in the class.

Procedure

Divide students into two groups. Give the Student A worksheet to half the class and the Student B worksheet to the other half. Ask students to work with someone from the same group and order the words to make questions. Check the answers with each group.

Ask a Student A to work with a Student B. The students ask each other their questions without looking at each other's worksheets, and discuss the answers.

Elicit one or two interesting answers from the whole class.

Answers

Student A:

- 1 Did your parents make you help with the housework when you were a teenager?
- 2 Did your parents let you go out late when you were 15?
- 3 Are you allowed to smoke in many public places in your country?
- 4 If you were a politician, would you make people pay higher taxes?
- 5 Do you think children should be allowed to wear normal clothes to school?
- 6 Would you let a teenager of 16 go on holiday alone?
- 7 Should your school or company let you evaluate your head teacher or manager?
- 8 Are people allowed to use a mobile phone while driving in your country?

Student B:

- 1 Did your parents make you do any extra-curricular activities when you were a child?
- 2 Did your parents let you stay up late when you were a child?
- 3 What is the maximum speed you are allowed to drive in your country?
- 4 If you were a teacher, would you make students do a lot of exams?
- 5 Do you think people should be allowed to vote at 16?
- 6 Do you think the Government should let all shops open 24 hours a day?
- 7 Should employers let workers use company machines for their own projects?
- 8 Should we make all 18-year-olds do community service for six months?

Jumbled questions

Student A

Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

1 help/your/teenager/parents/housework/did/were/a/you/the/make/you/when/with ?

2 go/late/parents/did/were/15/you/your/let/you/when/out ?

3 many/in/allowed/places/your/smoke/are/you/to/public/country/in ?

4 politician/would/taxes/if/you/make/higher/people/you/were/a/pay ?

5 should/you/wear/clothes/allowed/think/do/school/to/normal/to/be/children ?

6 let/go/would/teenager/16/alone/of/a/you/holiday/on ?

7 head/teacher/company/let/or/your/evaluate/should/school/you/or/your/manager ?

8 allowed/while/a/phone/people/to/your/use/driving/are/in/country/mobile ?



Student B

Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

1 activities/did/child/make/were/when/your/extra-curricular/do/you/parents/you/a/any ?

2 were/let/child/did/parents/a/when/up/stay/late/you/your/you ?

3 the/country/maximum/what/your/is/are/allowed/drive/speed/you/in/to ?

4 were/make/students/if/you/would/a/exams/do/lot/of/you/teacher/a ?

5 people/should/vote/16/allowed/do/at/to/be/think/you ?

6 the/Government/do/all/think/hours/24/let/open/shops/a/day/should/you ?

7 let/use/machines/for/employers/projects/should/company/their/workers/own ?

8 18-year-olds/community/make/six/should/service/all/for/do/we/months ?
