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Lesson 2: Make, Let, Allow

♣ Make

Form: Make + Object + Verb (without 'to') or adj

- We know how to make our students study hard.
- You should not make him get a job.
- Did Sreymao make you happy?

Use: We use 'make' to talk about obligation and to force or cause someone to do something.

- The film made me cry a lot.
- My older sister usually makes me laugh.

♣ Allow

Form: Allow + Object + to + Verb

- My mother won't allow me to go to school alone.
- Our teachers will allow us to go home early.
- Do your parents allow you to watch TV at night?

Use: We use 'allow' to give someone permission to do something.

- Does Sreymao allow you to use her car?
- Will you allow me to go home with you?

♣ Let

Form: Let + Object + Verb (without 'to')

- My mother won't let me go to school alone.
- Our teachers will let us go home early.
- Do your parents let you watch TV at night?

Use: We use 'let' to give someone permission to do something or make a suggestion.

- Sreymao lets Darin use her car. *Give permission*
- Let's go dancing. *Make a suggestion*

Extra examples

- My boss won't let me leave until 5.00pm.
- I don't allow dog to come into my house.
- They made their son clean his bedroom.



Exercise Practice

Instruction 1: Choose the correct verbs to fill in the gaps. Circle **a, b,** or **c**.

1. John's mother used to _		him clean up his room			
a. make	b. let	c. allow			
		her students use their m	obile phones in class.	ı	
a. make	b. let	c. allow			
3. Julie's father doesn't		her use his car.			
		c. allow			
4. We will not		you to go into pubs until you are	eighteen.		
a. make	b. let	c. allow			
5. The professor often		the students do a lot of h	nomework.		
a. makes	b. lets	c. allows			
6. The policeman		the teenagers pick up the litte	er they had dropped.		
a. made	b. let	c. allowed			
		me stay out late when I wa	s young.		
a. made					
8 me to help you with that suitcase, madam.					
a. Make	b. Let	c. Allow			
		me to get married unti	l my older brother wa	s married.	
		c. allow			
10. The guard		her get off the train because she	didn't have a ticket.		
a. made					
		$_$ you borrow her laptop if you ask	cher nicely.		
a. make	b. let	c. allow			
		us laugh last night.			
		c. allowed			
13. When people a	are late, i	t me really annoyed!	a. makes	b. lets	c. allows



Instruction 2: Complete the gaps with the correct form of **make**, **let**, or **allow**.

1. They didn't	anyone to leave the room for an hour.			
2. Doing a lot of exerci	se me eat as many cakes as I like!			
3. The boss often	us work late.			
4. Don't t	hem to watch TV too long because they have to study for tomorrow's test.			
5. Joan's new job has _	her very happy.			
6. This card	you travel on any bus in the city.			
7. They don't	us to take photos in the National Museum.			
8. My current job	me work wherever I want.			
9. Your photos	me want to visit Columbia – it looks very beautiful.			
10. Speaking English _	you communicate with lots of different people.			
11. Robert doesn't	his children watch TV.			
12. That film	me cry – it was so sad.			
13. The professor	us hand in our essays a day late last term.			
14. She usually	her children to play video games on Sunday morning.			
15. My teacher	me to leave class early because I felt sick.			
16. Sreymao tried to sing to everyone happy.				
17. My mother	me go to the party last week.			
18. My piano teacher _	me practise for two hours every day. I hated it!			
	The end!			