

Practice

- 1 Match the sentences with the photos. Then write *can*, *can't*, *are allowed to* or *aren't allowed to* in each gap.



- 0 You *can't* use your mobile phone here but you *are allowed to* eat ice cream. *C*
 1 You eat here but you bring your own food.
 2 You drive a car here but you ride a bike.
 3 You wear socks here but you wear shoes.
 4 You look at things here but you touch them.

- 2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read each conversation and decide whether the situation is formal or informal. Then choose the best words in *italics*. **3.38** Listen and check.

- 1 A Good morning. This is Brinley Insurance. *Could* / *Can* I speak to Mrs Canford?
 B This is Mrs Canford.
 A Hello, Mrs Canford. *May I / Am I allowed to* ask you some questions about your house insurance?
 A I'm sorry. I'm rather busy at the moment.
 B Well, *can / might* I you call back later?
- 2 A Now that everyone has given their opinion I think it's time to take a vote.
 B Mr Chairman. *Might / Can* I ask a question about these sales figures before we vote?
 A No, I'm afraid you *might not / can't*. We've already spent too long on this item.
- 3 A What's going to happen after the new anti-smoking law starts next month?
 B Well, people *can't / won't be allowed to* smoke in restaurants.
 A *Will they be allowed to / Can they* smoke in offices?
 B No, I don't think so.
- 4 A This old photo of you at school is so funny. Did you always wear old jeans to school?
 B No, we usually wore school uniform but we *could / were allowed to* wear jeans on that day because it was the last day of term.
 A Really? At my old school you *could / might* wear anything you liked!

- 3 Find six more mistakes and correct them. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 0 People are allowed ^{to carry} ~~carrying~~ guns in many parts of the USA.
 1 In my country you can't to smoke in the street.
 2 In the UK, children aren't allowed have credit cards.
 3 'Could I use your bathroom, please?' 'I'm afraid you couldn't. It's reserved for hotel guests.'
 4 I'm not allowed to make personal calls from my office phone.
 5 In my country people might vote once they reach the age of eighteen.
 6 After next April we can't be allowed to bring mobile phones to school.
 7 This device may not be used underwater.
 8 I could use the boss's parking space last Friday because she was away.