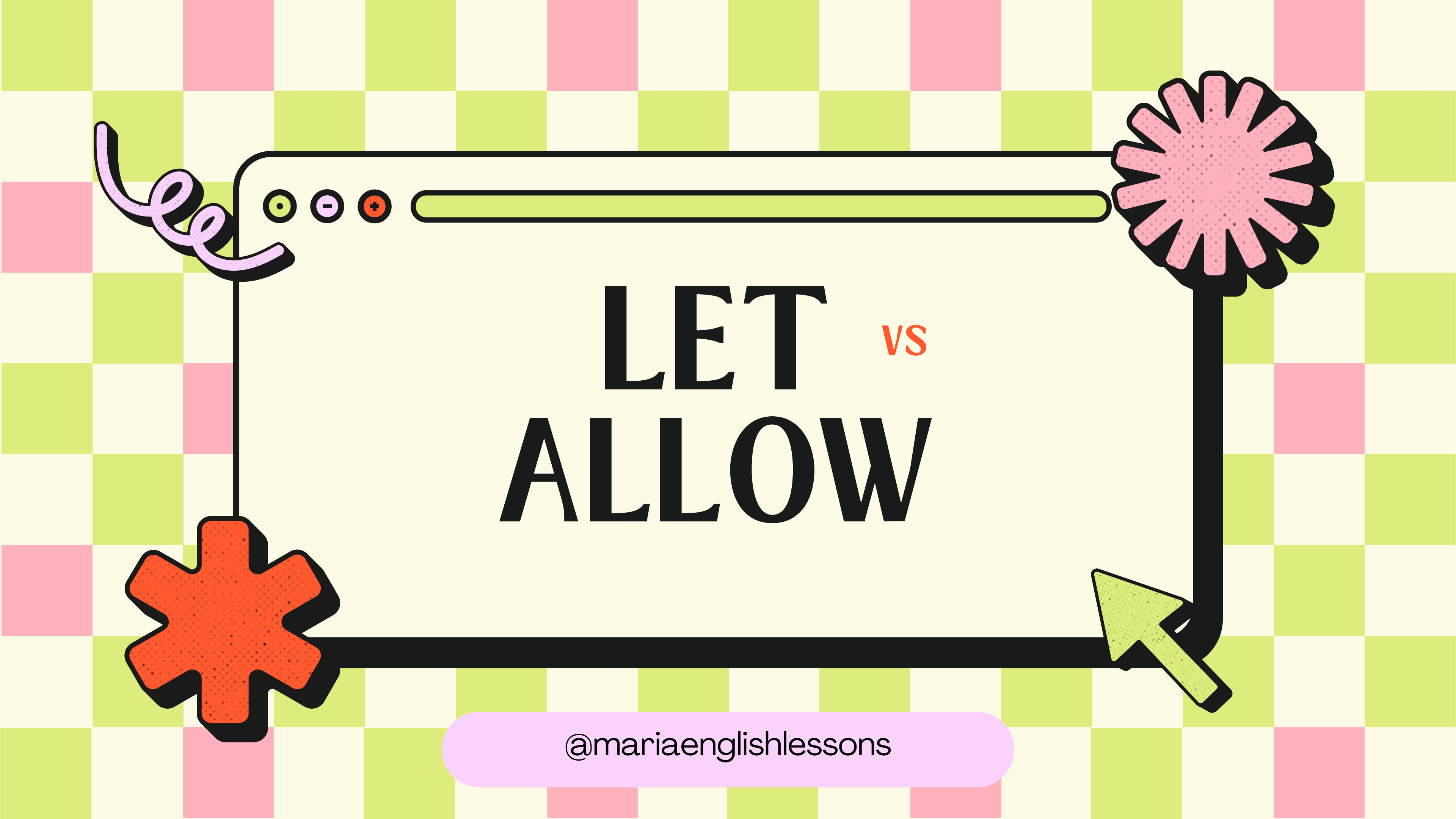




LET VS ALLOW

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MEANING



Both let and allow mean:

👉 to give permission to someone to do something

Key idea: They both express permission, but the way we use them and their style is different.

Examples:

My parents let me stay out late on weekends. (informal, spoken)

The school allows students to use the library after hours. (formal, neutral/written)

Important note:

Let is more everyday, casual, often used in speech.

Allow is more formal, often used in writing, rules, and instructions.



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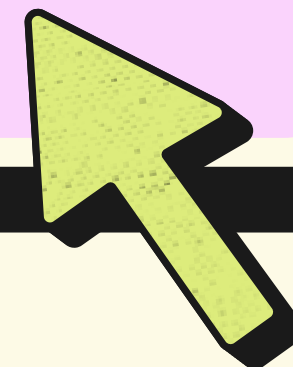
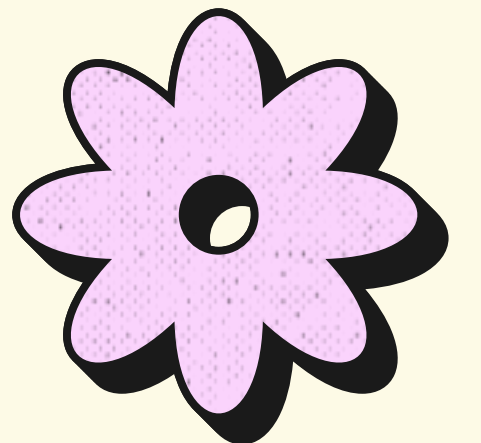
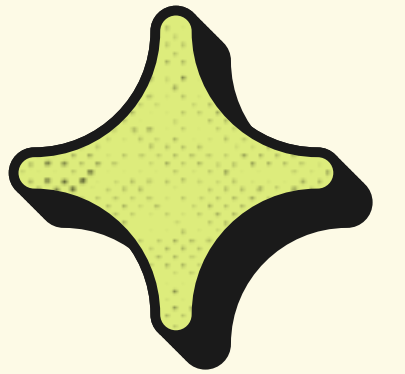
LET

Structure:

let + object + bare infinitive (verb without “to”)

Examples:

-  My parents let me stay up late.
-  My parents let me to stay up late. (wrong)

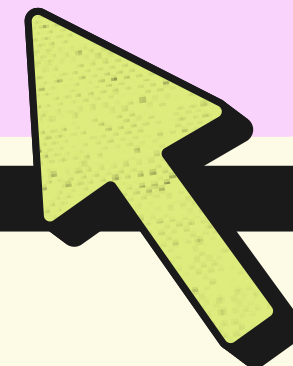
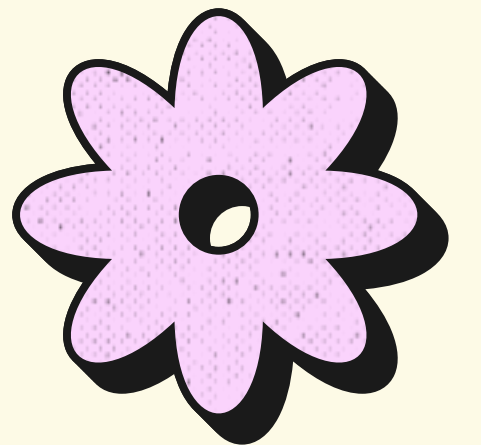
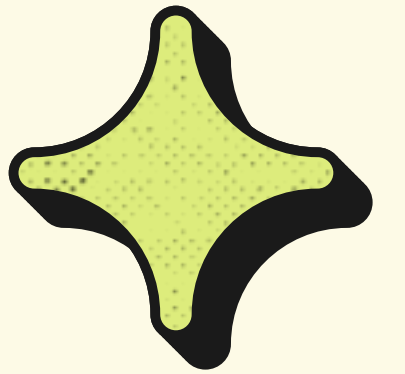


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Negative form:

didn't let + object + bare infinitive

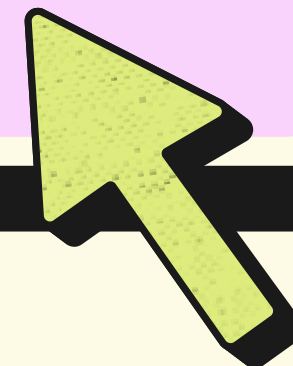
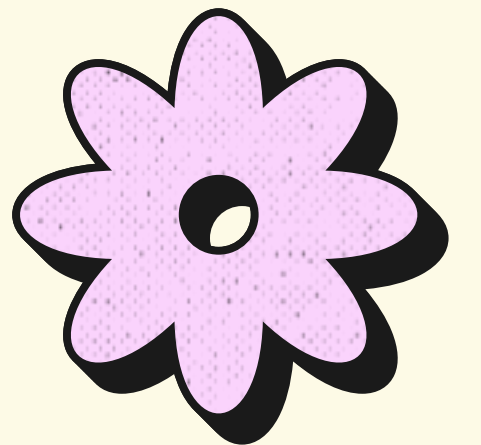
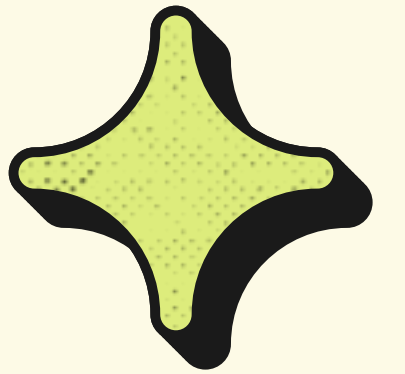
- They didn't let me go out last night.
- She didn't let her son play video games on weekdays.



GRAMMAR AND USE

Passive form:

- Rare, but possible. Usually with a special meaning:
 - He was let go from the company. → “He was fired”
- In general, let is not commonly used in the passive.



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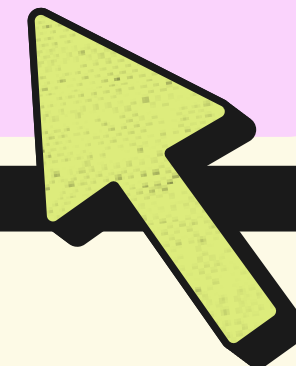
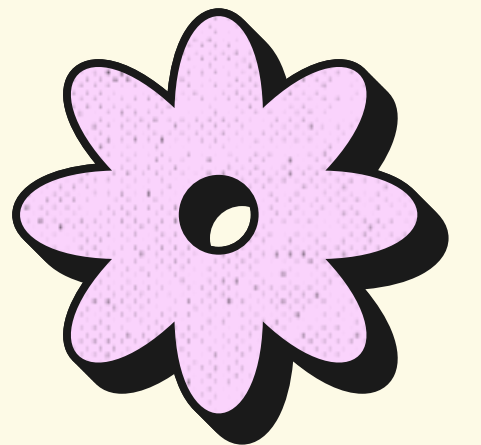
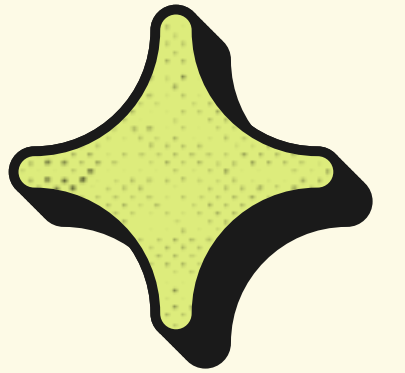
ALLOW

Structure:

allow + object + to + infinitive

Examples:

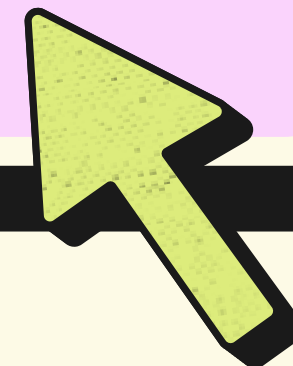
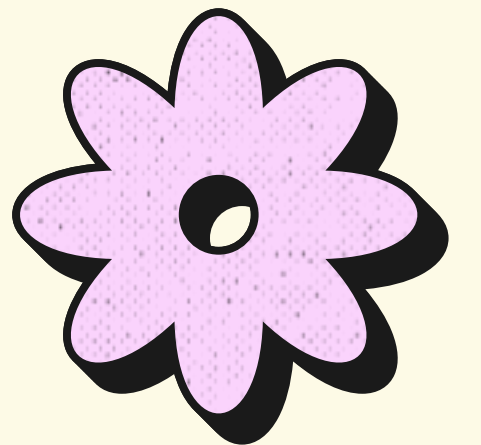
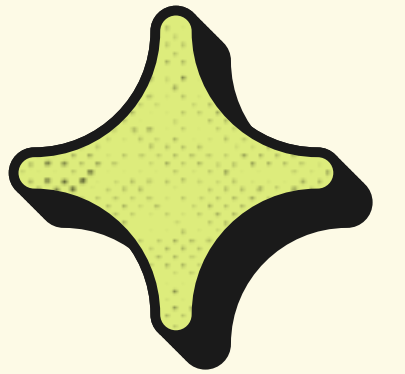
-  My school allowed us to use calculators during the exam.
-  My school allowed us use calculators. (wrong)



GRAMMAR AND USE

Without object (general rules):
allow + -ing

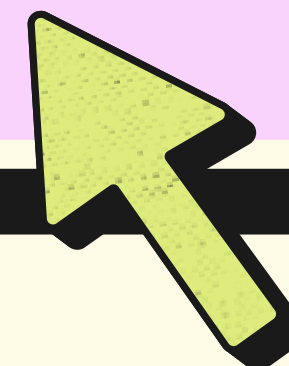
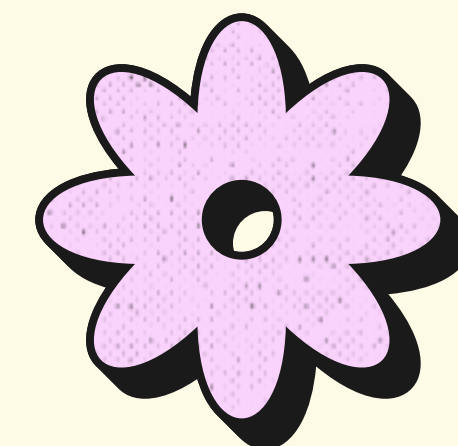
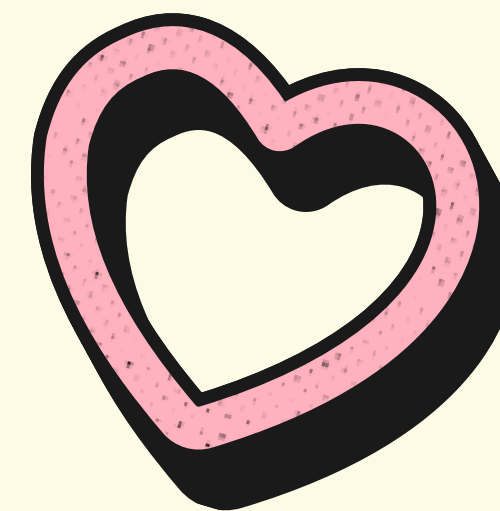
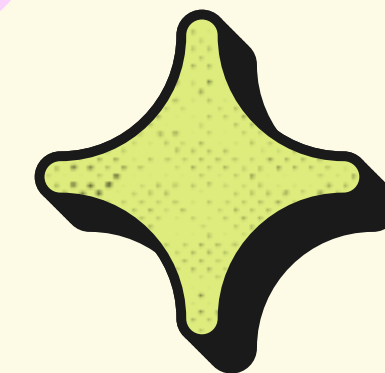
- Smoking is not allowed here.
- Visitors are allowed to enter the museum only during opening hours.



GRAMMAR AND USE

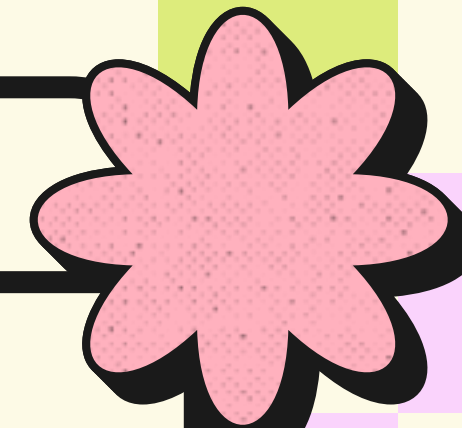
Negative form:

- They didn't allow us to take photos inside.
- The teacher didn't allow the students to leave early.





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COMPARISON

Informal / Spoken:

My dad let me borrow his car. → casual, conversational

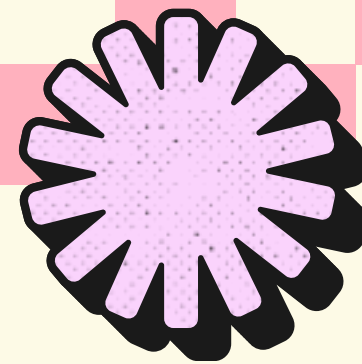
She let me use her phone yesterday.

Formal / Written:

My dad allowed me to borrow his car. → neutral, suitable in writing

The school allows students to participate in online competitions.



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- Use let in everyday conversation
- Use allow for formal contexts, rules, and regulations
- The main grammatical difference is bare infinitive vs. to-infinitive

Extra Practice Examples

- They let their children eat candy after dinner.
- They allow their employees to work from home.
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TIPS TO REMEMBER

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