

Can - Be allowed to

Exercise 3. Complete an email with 'can' or 'be allowed to' and the words in brackets .

Example:

At last, I out with Dan yesterday. (go)
At last, I was allowed to go out with Dan yesterday.

Dear mum,

I'm writing to explain why I've left home. I'm so sorry about it.

When I was a little girl, I (not - visit) my friends.

On the other hand, Sarah and Betty, my classmates, (see) each other every day. They (go) to the cinema or to a birthday party, but I (never - join) them. Before I was twelve, I (not - watch) TV after eight o'clock. And I didn't know what my friends were talking about the next day.

Mum, can you remember what you promised when I was fifteen?

'You (do) whatever you will want when you are eighteen.'

Now I am twenty and so far I (not - spend) any holiday

with my boyfriend. Last year, I (stay) overnight at his parents' cottage, but my younger brother had to accompany me. It's absurd.

..... I (invite) my friends to our house one day? Or

I (drive) our car since I received my driving licence? No, never.

Now I am twenty and I've had enough of it. I want to be free. That's why I've moved to

Sarah's place for the time being.

I'll keep in touch. Please, write back soon.

Love,

Samantha

P.S.

By the way, I (come) for dinner on Saturday?

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Answer key

Dear mum,

I'm writing to explain why I've left home. I'm so sorry about it.

When I was a little girl, I couldn't visit/wasn't allowed to visit my friends. On the other hand, Sarah and Betty, my classmates, could see/were allowed to see each other every day. They could go/were allowed to go to the cinema or to a birthday party, but I could never join/was never allowed to join them. Before I was twelve, I hadn't been allowed to watch TV after eight o'clock. And I didn't know what my friends were talking about the next day.

Mum, can you remember what you promised when I was fifteen?

'You can do/will be allowed to do whatever you will want when you are eighteen.' Now I am twenty and so far I haven't been allowed to spend any holiday with my boyfriend. Last year, I was allowed to stay overnight at his parents' cottage, but my younger brother had to accompany me. It's absurd.

Will I be allowed to invite my friends to our house one day? Or have I been allowed to drive our car since I received my driving licence? No, never.

Now I am twenty and I've had enough of it. I want to be free. That's why I've moved to Sarah's place for the time being.

I'll keep in touch. Please, write back soon.

Love,

Samantha

P.S.

By the way, can/could I come for dinner on Saturday?

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