

Pink Bow Tie

Context

Are You Old Enough?

Next to him is a kid of about my age and he is smoking. You are not allowed to smoke when you are fourteen. This is why I am not smoking at the time.

After about five minutes a ticket collector puts his head around the door. He looks straight at the kid who is smoking. 'Put that cigarette out,' he says. 'You are too young to smoke.'

1. The story is set in Australia, where, it says, you can't smoke when you are 14. Are you allowed to smoke (legally) in your country when you are 14 years old? How old do you have to be to smoke legally?

Look at the following chart. It tells you the age at which you can legally do some things in Britain and Australia. Can you complete the section about your country?

You can legally	Age in Britain	Age in your country	Age in Australia
smoke	18		18
learn to drive a car on the road	17		18
get married	16		18
buy alcohol	18		18
get a part time paid job	14		14
join the army	16		16
leave school	16		16
vote	18		18
be held criminally responsible	10		10
open a bank account in your own name	7		18
be sent to prison	17		17

2. Now complete the following sentences by referring to your completed chart.

- In my country you can _____ when you are _____ but you can't in _____
- In Britain you can _____ when you are _____ but you can't in _____
- In both _____ and _____ you can _____ when you are _____
- In all three countries you can _____ when you are _____

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A Train Journey

Yesterday I am going home on the train after being in trouble at school and I am in a carriage with some very strange people.

1. The train that the narrator is on seems to be an old-fashioned train. Which words in the following extracts tell you this?

After about five minutes a ticket collector puts his head in the door. He looks straight at the kid who is smoking. 'Put that cigarette out!' he says..... The ticket collector gives an almighty scream and runs down the corridor as fast as his legs can take him..... 'Here,' he says throwing the radio thing on to her lap. 'You can have it if you want.' He goes out of the compartment, down the corridor and gets off the train.

2. Here are some pictures of a modern carriage in a train. Label each item with the correct word from the box.

aisle
sliding door
adjustable seat
video
window
luggage racks
snack bar
corridor



3a. You are going on a train journey. The following is the journey as you predict it. First complete the blank spaces with ONE word from the **word box** in each of the following action squares, and then decide which is the best order for the actions to occur.

You look out of the window, look at a magazine and the ticket inspector _____ your ticket.

You wait for the _____ to get off the train before getting on yourself

The train arrives at your _____ so you get up, collect your bag and get off the train.

You go to the ticket office to buy a _____ ticket (you want to come back to the same station)

You listen to the _____ to hear when the train will be arriving.

You find your seat, put your bag on the _____ overhead and sit down

Then you go to find the right _____ where the train will leave from.

You stand away from the _____ of the platform so that you don't get hurt

Word Box

announcements	clips
platform	rack
return	passengers
destination	edge

3b. The journey is actually full of surprises. Use some of the following prompts as well as the action squares above to reconstruct what happened. Work in groups and tell each other the story.



3c. Now write about this train journey (or one that you really experienced that was interesting or exciting)