



Permission Verbs

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- Be supposed to
- Be allowed to
- Be permitted to
- Be able to
- Let

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Be supposed to

I am supposed to	I'm not supposed to
You are supposed to	You aren't supposed to
He is supposed to	He isn't supposed to
She is supposed to	She isn't supposed to
It is supposed to	It isn't supposed to
We are supposed to	We aren't supposed to
They are supposed to	They aren't supposed to

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Be supposed to

I was supposed to	I wasn't supposed to
You were supposed to	You weren't supposed to
He was supposed to	He wasn't supposed to
She was supposed to	She wasn't supposed to
It was supposed to	It wasn't supposed to
We were supposed to	We weren't supposed to
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Be supposed to

I am supposed to go to the shops
later



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Be supposed to

I am supposed to go to the shops
later

Strong suggestion



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Be supposed to

It is supposed to rain later today

Expectation unlikely to happen



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Be supposed to

She is supposed to be the best
doctor there is

Indication from others



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Be supposed to

What's that supposed to mean?

Idiom: Express disagreement



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Be allowed to

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We are allowed to	We aren't allowed to
They are allowed to	They aren't allowed to

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Be allowed to

I am allowed to **go** shopping
tomorrow



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Be allowed to

I am allowed to **go** shopping
tomorrow

Permission from another person



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Be permitted to

I am permitted to	I'm not permitted to
You are permitted to	You aren't permitted to
He is permitted to	He isn't permitted to
She is permitted to	She isn't permitted to
It is permitted to	It isn't permitted to
We are permitted to	We aren't permitted to
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Be permitted to

I am permitted to go shopping tomorrow



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Be permitted to

X I am permitted to go shopping tomorrow

Permission from another person



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Be permitted to

I am permitted to build a new house



Formal permission from another person

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Be allowed to

Be permitted to

- ☐ Informal permission
- ☐ Formal permission
- ☐ Can use "it"

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Be able to

I am able to	I'm not able to
You are able to	You aren't able to
He is able to	He isn't able to
She is able to	She isn't able to
It is able to	It isn't able to
We are able to	We aren't able to
They are able to	They aren't able to

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Be able to

I am able to get into the house
because she gave me the key



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Be able to

I am able to get into the house
because she gave me the key

Power from somebody



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Be able to

I am able to speak 4 languages

Ability



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Let

I let	I don't let
You let	You don't let
He lets	He doesn't let
She lets	She doesn't let
It lets	It doesn't let
We let	We don't let
They let	They don't let



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Let

I will let him go to the shops later

Informal permission





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Subject + verb + object + to + infinitive

Allow	Permit
I allow you to go to the shops Informal	I permit you to go to the shops Formal

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Subject + verb + object + infinitive

Let
I let you go to the shops Informal

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