

## **PARKING in the UK:**

Most car parks display a large blue sign with a white P on it. Most have machines where you can buy a ticket. In some car parks you pay before you park, buying a ticket for the time for which you expect to park your car (these are 'Pay and Display' car parks). In others you are given a ticket, and only pay when you leave for the amount of time you were there.

On streets with single yellow lines marked on the road there are restrictions on parking. These should be explained on a small yellow sign near by.

If there are two yellow lines (double yellow lines) then you should not park there at all.

Some roads have marked parking spaces reserved for people who live there. Dotted yellow lines or white bays allow parking for limited periods. The accompanying signs will state how long this can be for.

If you are parked illegally, you could easily get a parking ticket. This is a fine, which you should pay as soon as you can. The amount you must pay often goes up after 14 days. You may have a clamp put on a wheel of your car. You will have to pay a fine to have this taken off. If you don't pay quickly for clamp removal, your car can be taken away and held until you pay. Every day you leave it the fine grows. And, in the end, your car can be destroyed!

Full explanations of all road signs can be found in the Highway Code, which can be bought in bookshops or borrowed from libraries. You can also call Traveline on 0870 608 2608 for information.