English Pre-A1 · Reading: small signs and labels

Starter English for Chinese speakers; invented classroom examples, not official exam items.

Six small signs

OPEN, CLOSED, PUSH, PULL, EXIT and QUIET.

- Most signs are one word in **capital letters**.
- Read the word, not the colour.

OPEN **CLOSED** **PUSH** **PULL** **EXIT** **QUIET**

OPEN and CLOSED

OPEN

You can go in now.

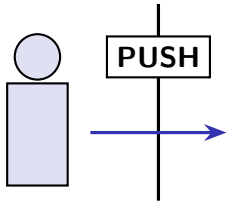
CLOSED

You cannot go in now.

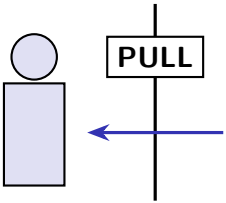
PUSH and PULL

One door can say PUSH on one side and PULL on the other.

- Push moves the door away from you.
- Pull moves the door towards you.



away from you



towards you

EXIT and QUIET

EXIT

The way out of a building.

Not a room number or a shop name.

QUIET

A **request**: speak softly or not at all.

Often in a library.

A place and a status

Label	Read it as
Room 4: OPEN	Room four is open.
Shop: CLOSED	The shop is closed.
Library: QUIET	Be quiet in the library.

Use the evidence

If Room 2 says CLOSED and Room 3 says OPEN, do not swap them.

Four traps

Trap	Fix
Room 3: CLOSE	Room 3: CLOSED, with -d
PUSH or PULL? Both start P-U.	PUSH ends -SH; PULL ends -LL.
a green sign must mean open	read the word, not the colour
EXIT as a way in	EXIT is only the way out

Check yourself

Your turn

Answer each one.

A. A shop door says CLOSED. Can you go in now?

B. You want to open a door towards you. Which sign matches?

C. Which sign shows the way out?

D. Write a sign: the library is open.