

Answer to 'ejusdem generis' exercise

The following shows the answer to the exercise on page 251 of your textbook.

If an Act prohibited the consumption of 'wines, beers, spirits, and other drinks' in any public place, would that include soft drinks?

No, because even though soft drinks are drinks, under the *ejusdem generis* rule the meaning of the general is limited by the specific words that come before it. Here, the specific words are all alcoholic beverages, so 'other drinks' means other alcoholic drinks.