



ANSWER SHEET

Applying *ejusdem generis*

Answer to the Chapter 11 'Applying *ejusdem generis*' exercise on page 333 of the textbook.

Answer

No, an Act prohibiting the consumption of 'wines, beers, spirits, and other drinks' in any public place, would not include soft drinks. That is 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.