

# SYSTEM BOUNDARIES

## Objective 9

(Form 5)

As a review, one of the characteristics of any system is that it is separated from the environment in which it exists by a permeable boundary.

In order to further understand permeability you first need to understand the types of boundaries that impact organizational systems. There are four general types of boundaries associated with organizational systems. There are physical boundaries. These physically deter access into and out of the system. There are linguistic boundaries. These create language barriers and cause confusion and misunderstandings. There are systemic boundaries. These relate to the operating rules that govern how people interact. And, there are psychological boundaries. These hamper communication and cooperation due to the makeup and the personalities of the people involved

Name two areas in your company where you believe permeability is the best and why you think this.

Name two areas in your company where you believe permeability is the worst and why you think this.