

AIR TRAVEL

I. In groups of 2-3 discuss the following questions:

- Have you ever flown by plane? If yes, where to?
- How do you feel about flying?
- Would you like to be a flight attendant or a pilot? Why / why not?
- How do you imagine an ideal airport?

II. These are the actions you perform at the departure airport, in the aircraft and at the arrival airport.

Complete the gaps with a)-i):

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You park your car. 2. You put your luggage on a trolley. 3. _____ 4. You hand your passport and ticket to the check-in clerk. 5. You put your check-in luggage on the belt to be weighed. 6. _____ 7. You are given your boarding pass. 8. Your passport and boarding pass is checked. 9. _____ 10. You walk through a metal detector. 11. You buy duty free goods. 12. _____ 13. You show your boarding pass again. 14. You put your hand luggage in the overhead locker. 15. _____ 16. The plane takes off. 17. You listen to the safety announcement. 18. _____ 19. You are given a meal. 20. You fill in an immigration form. 21. _____ 22. You take your luggage off the conveyor belt. 23. You are asked questions about the length of your stay, the purpose of your visit, etc. 24. _____ 25. You walk through the green channel. 26. You are asked if you have anything to declare. 27. _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Boarding is announced and you go to your gate.</i> b) <i>The plane lands.</i> c) <i>You answer questions about who packed your luggage and what is in it.</i> d) <i>You are given a drink.</i> e) <i>You fasten your seatbelt.</i> f) <i>You put your mobile phone, small change etc. into a small tray.</i> g) <i>You see someone holding a sign with your name.</i> h) <i>Your hand luggage is x-rayed.</i> i) <i>Your visa is stamped.</i> |
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III. Look at the flight information monitor below and complete the missing headings:

Airline, Departs, Destination, Flight #, Gate, Status, Terminal

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United Airlines	1291	Boarding	8:03 AM Sep 02	7	9	Heathrow, UK
Continental Airlines	1027	Delayed	7:40 AM Sep 02	4	B27	Houston (Intercontinental), TX
JetBlue Airways	1024	Cancelled	8:15 AM Sep 02	6	15	Boston, MA
Northwest	7027	Scheduled	9:20 AM Sep 02	4	A6	Los Angeles, CA

What do the following terms mean: *boarding, delayed, cancelled, scheduled?*

IV. Complete the gaps:

airport terminal, boarding passes, book (v), check-in desk, delay, departure lounge, departures board, luggage, passports, security check

As usual we had 1 _____ our airline tickets in advance for the flight to Wellington. So, when we arrived at the 2 _____ we were still safe with time. We took our suitcases and went straight to the 3 _____ where we were asked to hand over our tickets. As we were leaving for about two months we had quite big 4 _____ to check in. After several minutes, we received our 5 _____ and then had to go through a 6 _____ where our bags were X-rayed. Next, an immigration control officer checked our 7 _____. After that we were free to go to the 8 _____ where we could read on the big 9 _____ that our flight had one-hour 10 _____.

board, board (v), call, class, duty free shop, flight attendant, luggage, runway, seatbelts, take-off, walkway

We decided to spend the free time buying some cheap goods at the 11 _____. Half an hour later we heard our flight 12 _____. We were glad that our flight was not delayed much longer. We took our hand 13 _____ and hurried to Gate 6 to 14 _____ the plane. Before we reached the plane we had to go through the boarding 15 _____. Through the windows we could see that our plane - Boeing 747 - was standing ready on the 16 _____. A transfer vehicle took us straight to the plane and as we got on 17 _____, the 18 _____ showed us to our seats in the economy 19 _____. Before the 20 _____, we were asked to fasten our 21 _____.

arrival hall, baggage reclaim, clearance, declare (v), land (v)

During the flight we were served delicious meals and drinks. The flight was rather pleasant though quite a long one. After several hours our plane 22 _____ at the Wellington airport. It was night in New Zealand. As we were really tired we hoped we would make our way quickly to our hotel and have a good sleep. But we were made to wait about one hour for a passport control. The airport officials explained to us that it was for security reasons. After that, we hurried to the 23 _____ area to collect our suitcases. Fortunately, all of them arrived safely. The last thing we had to do was to go through customs 24 _____ and as had nothing to 25 _____ the procedure did not take long. We went quickly to the 26 _____ where our friend, Sam, was supposed to wait for us as usual.

V. When you arrive in the USA, you have to talk to the customs and immigration officers.

Ask and answer the following questions in pairs. One of you is the customs officer (CO), the other is the tourist

(T). Be careful... One wrong answer and you could wind up on a plane heading back home!

1. What is your country of citizenship?
2. What is the purpose of your visit?
3. Where are you staying during your visit?
4. What is the address where you will be staying?
5. How long will you be staying?
6. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?
7. Are you carrying any firearms?
8. Are you carrying fruits, vegetables or meats?
9. Did you pack your bags yourself?
10. Have you completed all the forms?
11. Have you been on a farm recently?
12. Have you ever visited the U.S. before?

Match these answers to the questions above:

I am only staying for two weeks.

I am staying with friends.

I will be staying at 712 West Hampton Road, Long Beach.

No, I am not.

No, I am not.

No, I haven't.

No, I haven't.

Poland.

Sightseeing.

Yes, I did.

Yes, I have.

Yes, I have.

VI. Read the passage below and supply the missing words. Choose from the following list. One of the words will be used more than once.

airline ticket

check-in desk

Gate

passport control

airport

conveyor belt

hand luggage

security check

aisle

Customs

immigration officer

Terminal

baggage reclaim

departure lounge

landed

took off

boarding

departures board

long-term car park

boarding pass

duty free

non smoking

check in (v)

flight

passport

After Penny Dawson had parked her car in the 1 _____ at 2 _____ 3 at Heathrow 3 _____, she made her way to the British Airways 4 _____. She was going to Paris for the weekend and only had one small suitcase to 5 _____. She also had a shoulder-bag, but that would go as 6 _____.

She handed over her 7 _____ to the girl and asked if she could sit in a 8 _____ seat.

'9 _____ or window?'

'10 _____, please,' Penny answered.

The British airways girl gave her a 11 _____ and wished her a pleasant 12 _____. Jenny thanked her and made her way towards the 13 _____. Before she got there she had to go through a 14 _____ where her bag was X-rayed, and then she had to show her 15 _____ to an 16 _____.

The first thing she did was to buy some cheap 17 _____ goods for the friends she was going to stay with. Then she sat down near the large 18 _____ to wait for her flight to be called.

Eventually, the board showed that Flight BA 325 to Paris was now 19 _____ through 20 _____ 25.

The plane 21 _____ on time and, forty-five minutes later, 22 _____ at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris.

Once off the plane, she followed her fellow-passengers to the 23 _____ area to pick up her suitcase. Before getting there she had to go through 24 _____ and show her passport again.

After a short wait, her suitcase finally appeared on the 25 _____. She picked it up and quickly passed through 26 _____ where her friends, she hoped, would be waiting for her.

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