Airport Stories

John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City is a busy international airport. Every day thousands of travelers arrive at JFK Airport from many different countries. Every one of them has a different story to tell. We spent an afternoon in the arrivals area at JFK last week talking to travelers arriving from abroad. We asked them: Why are you here?

LOOKING FOR A JOB

Marina, 23, from Porto Alegre, Brazil

Why are you here?

I'm going to look for a job. Maybe as an au pair, taking care of children. And I want to improve my English too, so I can get a better job when I go back home. I hope I can find some work quickly. I'm going to look through the newspaper ads today.

1 Is this your first visit?

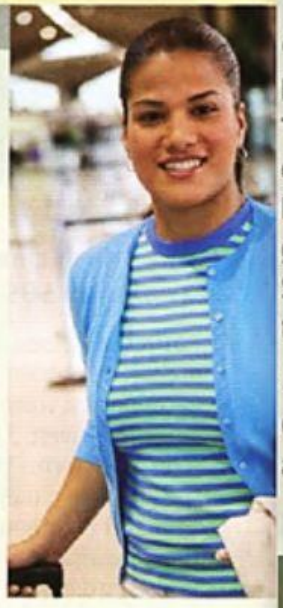
Yes, it is. I'm really looking forward to living here, but I'm a little nervous, too.

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Six months or a year. It depends how things go.

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Yes, I have a friend who's working here in a restaurant. I'm going to stay with her for a few weeks until I can find my own apartment.





A FAMILY REUNION

Jonathan, 35, just arrived from Melbourne, Australia

Why are you here?

I'm going to see my dad in Connecticut. It's his seventieth birthday tomorrow.

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No. It's going to be a big surprise for him. And it's going to be very emotional, too. I moved to Australia in 1998, and the last time I saw my dad was five years ago. It's too expensive to visit very often, and my father can't fly – he had a heart operation last year.

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By train. The whole family is waiting at my parents' house. We're going to have a big party there tomorrow night.

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Yes, for a month. It's too far to come for a short time – and I want to see all my old friends here as well as my family.

ON THEIR HONEYMOON

Maki, 25, and Koji, 27, from Nagasaki, Japan

Why are you here?

We're on our honeymoon. We got married last Saturday. **Congratulations!**

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We're staying at the Kitano Hotel. We're just here for a few days.

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Everything is organized for us. Tomorrow we're taking a bus tour of the city, and in the evening we're seeing a Broadway show. Then on Tuesday we're going to a baseball game at Yankee Stadium, and on Wednesday we're flying to Boston.

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On Friday. We're going to Toronto next, and then to Montreal...



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