Tips to travel

Even on a long trip, you don't need a lot of heavy suitcases. You need only two bags—a carry-on bag and a check-in bag. Here are some pointers for packing them.

Carry-on bag

- Your carry-on bag should be small and light.
- The most important things for your trip (passport, airline tickets, travel insurance documents, credit cards, cell phone, keys, etc.) should go in your carry-on bag.
- You should bring a change of clothes in case your luggage is delayed.
- You should also take medicine you need in your carry-on bag.
- Bring snacks to eat on the plane. Cookies, nuts, and dried fruit are good. Don't bring chocolate—it's very messy. For long trips, bring a sandwich. And don't bring water—you can't take it through security. You should buy some at the airport before you board the plane.
- Remember to bring a good book or your tablet.

Check-in bag

- Your check-in bag should be strong.
- Your clothes, shoes, and other everyday things should go in your check-in bag.
- Make a list to help you remember everything.
- Pack your bag early—don't pack on the same day as your trip!
- Think about the weather. Do you need a coat and gloves, or T-shirts and shorts? Choose the right clothes! You should pack your clothes inside plastic bags.
- Put your name and your hotel's address and telephone number on your bag. You should put this information inside the bag, too.

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Answer true or false. Circle T for *true* or F for *false*.

1. You need three bags to go on a trip. T F
2. Your carry-on bag should be big and strong. T F
3. Your carry-on bag is for things you need on the airplane. T F
4. Your check-in bag is for clothes and things you use on your vacation. T F
5. You should put your home address on your check-in bag. T F
6. You should pack your laptop in your check-in bag. T F
7. You shouldn't take food in your carry-on bag. T F
8. You should put your clothes in plastic bags. T F

Are these things good ideas or bad ideas?

	good idea	bad idea
1. packing your bags a few days before your trip		
2. putting your keys in your carry-on bag		
3. getting information about the weather before you pack		
4. packing chocolate in your check-in bag		
5. bringing water in your bags		
6. putting your name on your bags		
7. bringing a sandwich with you		
8. putting your credit card in your check-in bag		

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