

At the airport

Read the following story and work in the exercises below.

I was **heading off** on a business trip. My colleague said he would **drop me off** at the airport. We **set off** for the airport early so we didn't get **stuck in** rush hour traffic, and when we **pulled up** at the airport, he **dropped me off** at the door to the departure area. I **got out of** the car and **hurried up** to the counter, where I **checked in** my suitcase and showed the assistant my **carry-on** luggage. They told me the plane was **held up**, and would be late **taking off**. I **went through** the security checks, where they **patted me down** and checked my bag. I decided to have a **look at** the duty-free shops and to **pick up** a newspaper and a snack for on the plane. Finally, I **got on** the plane, **sat down**, **put on** my earphones, **opened up** the newspaper, and **settled down** for the flight.

Exercise A. Match the sentences 1 – 7 with its meaning a- g

1. Where were you heading off last Friday. ____	a. body search, check
2. Many people get stuck in the traffic at noon. ____	b. leave
3. Why did you drop off on the corner? ____	c. register
4. When did you check in the hotel? ____	d. be unable to move
5. The meeting was held up for next week. ____	e. postponed
6. A police officer patted us down at the entrance. ____	f. going
7. When I got on the bus it started to rain. ____	g. boarded

Exercise B. Read the text again, choose the correct option.

- Why did he **set off** early for the airport?
a. To avoid getting stuck in rush hour traffic b. to pick up a newspaper
- Where did his friend **drop him off** at the airport?
a. At the duty free area b. at the departure area
- What did he do when he **got out** of the car?
a. he sat down and waited for the flight b. He headed to the counter
- Why did the flight **take off** late?
a. Because it had been held up b. because it got stuck in rush hour traffic
- What did he do after he **went through** the security check?
a. He got on the plane b. he went to the duty-free shops
- He **settled down**...
a. After he had sat down, put on his earphones and read the newspaper
b. After he had sat down, put on his earphones and had opened the newspaper