

# 89 Airports

## A Check-in



Some passengers buy a ticket online and print a boarding pass 24 hours before they fly. Some passengers print a **boarding pass** at a **ticket machine** when they **reach** the airport. Some get one at the **check-in desk**. You need to **check in** if you have a lot of **luggage** (e.g. suitcases and bags), but you can take some **hand luggage** on the plane with you. After check-in, you can go through **security**, then look for the **gate** number where your flight leaves from and wait to **board** the plane.

### GLOSSARY

<b>print</b>	put words or pictures onto paper using a machine
<b>boarding pass</b>	a card that you must show when you get on a plane or ship <b>SYN boarding card</b>
<b>reach</b>	arrive somewhere
<b>check-in</b> <i>n</i>	(see picture) <b>check in</b> <i>v</i> : You <b>check in</b> at the <b>check-in desk</b> .
<b>hand luggage</b>	a bag you can take on the plane with you
<b>security</b>	the place in an airport where people check you and your hand luggage
<b>gate</b>	in an airport, the place near your plane where you wait to get on
<b>board</b>	walk onto a plane, ship or bus

### SPOTLIGHT *airports*

An **airport** is a place where people get on and off **planes/aeroplanes**. An **airline** is a company that takes people by plane to different places.

#### 1 Complete the words.

► p_a_s_senger	3 b_____d_____g	c_____d	6 h_____nd	l_____gg_____ge
1 b_____rd	4 ae_____pl_____		7 a_____l_____e	
2 ch_____i_____	5 a_____p_____t		8 s_____c_____it	

#### 2 Make five more phrases from the words in the box.

airline

ticket

boarding  
company

desk  
luggage

board  
machine

check-in  
the plane

pass  
hand

► **airline company**

#### 3 Complete the sentences.

- We flew in a large **aeroplane**.
- 1 There were a lot of ..... waiting at the ..... desk.
- 2 If we hurry, we'll ..... the airport by 3.30.
- 3 I printed my ..... card at home, and I only had hand ..... , so I didn't need to ..... in when I got to the airport.
- 4 I went to ..... 7, but I sat there for half an hour before we could ..... the plane.
- 5 Heathrow and Charles de Gaulle are very busy ..... .
- 6 If you don't have a boarding pass, you can ..... one at the ticket ..... .
- 7 I had a lot of ..... : a large suitcase and a heavy bag as well.

#### 4 ABOUT YOU Are these sentences true for you?

- I travel by plane a lot. **No, I don't travel by plane very much.**
- 1 I usually use the same airline when I fly.
- 2 I usually print my boarding pass at home.
- 3 When I reach the airport, the first thing I do is have a coffee.
- 4 I want to go through security very quickly.
- 5 I like to be one of the first people to board the plane.
- 6 I like to sit at the front of the plane.



### TEST YOURSELF

## B Departure and arrival



You get on / board the plane.



You fasten your seat belt.



The plane takes off.



Flight attendants provide food and drinks.



The plane lands and passengers get off.



Somebody checks your passport.



You collect your luggage and leave the airport.

### GLOSSARY

<b>departure</b>	leaving a place
<b>arrival</b>	coming to a place: <i>There's always someone to meet me on arrival.</i>
<b>arrive v</b>	
<b>provide</b>	give sth to sb who needs it
<b>check</b>	look at sth to see if it is correct or good: <b>check your ticket</b> (NOT <b>control your ticket</b> )
<b>collect</b>	go and take sth from a place

### 5 Cover the pictures and put the phrases in order. Write numbers in the boxes.

You collect your luggage.

The plane lands.

You get on the plane.

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You leave the airport.

You get off the plane.

The plane takes off.

You fasten your seat belt.

Flight attendants provide drinks.

Someone checks your passport.

### 6 Complete the text.

I don't like sitting in airports, and now you often have to ▶ **arrive** at the airport two hours before (1) \_\_\_\_\_, which is terrible. When I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the plane, the first thing I do is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ my seat belt. I then sit nervously until the plane (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Fortunately, the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ attendants are usually very kind, and always (6) \_\_\_\_\_ food and drinks, but I'm so nervous I can't eat anything. I only feel safe when the plane has (7) \_\_\_\_\_. On (8) \_\_\_\_\_, I'm very happy when someone has (9) \_\_\_\_\_ my passport, so that I can (10) \_\_\_\_\_ my luggage and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the airport with my brother, who usually meets me.

### 7 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions, or ask another student.

▶ What's the first thing you do when you get on a plane? I fasten my seatbelt.

- 1 How do you feel when the plane takes off? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Do you always eat the food the airlines provide? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How do you feel when the plane lands? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Do you usually need to collect luggage, or do you travel with hand luggage? \_\_\_\_\_

