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

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

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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<u>a</u> <u>s</u> <u>s</u>enger
1 b___ ___rd
2 ch___ ___ ___-i___
3 b___ ___ ___d___ ___g c___ ___d
4 ae___ ___pl___ ___ ___
5 a___ ___p___ ___t
6 h___nd l___gg___ge
7 a___ ___l___ ___e
8 s___c___ ___it___

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

airline ✓	boarding	desk	board	check-in	pass
ticket	company ✓	luggage	machine	the plane	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. .....

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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

departure	leaving a place
arrival	coming to a place: *There's always someone to meet me* ***on arrival.*** **arrive** *v*
provide	give sth to sb who needs it
check	look at sth to see if it is correct or good: ***check*** *your ticket* (NOT ~~*control your ticket*~~)
collect	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.	1	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? _____

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