

## 1 VOCABULARY air travel

a Replace the **bold** words with a formal word or phrase from the list.

approximately disembark locate  
personal-electronic-devices place  
proceed to rear requiring

- 1 **Mobile phones, tablets, and laptops** may be used in flight mode during the flight. *personal electronic devices*
- 2 There are toilets at the front and at the **back** of the plane. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Our flight time today is **about** two and a half hours. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The crew will be passing through the cabin with landing cards for any passengers **needing** one. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Passengers to New York are asked to **go to** Gate 36 immediately. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Please check you have all your belongings with you before you **leave the plane**. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 We ask that you **put** bags and jackets under the seat in front of you. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Please take some time now to **find** your nearest emergency exit. \_\_\_\_\_

b Circle the correct word.

- 1 They had booked an economy flight, so they couldn't use the *airport terminal* / *VIP lounge*.
- 2 It didn't take long for me to check in my suitcase at the *baggage drop-off* / *security*.
- 3 The passengers were stopped at *customs* / *the check-in desk* for their bags to be checked.
- 4 I showed my boarding pass and ID at the *baggage reclaim* / *gate* and went to board my flight.
- 5 I didn't have a boarding pass, so I had to queue at the *check-in desk* / *customs* to get one.
- 6 We could see our plane on the *runway* / *gate* while we were waiting to board.
- 7 We parked as near as possible to the *airport terminal* / *VIP lounge* because we were late.
- 8 The quickest way to find your flight on the departures board is to look at the *flight times* / *runway*.
- 9 I was wearing boots, so I had to take them off at *security* / *baggage drop-off*.
- 10 When I went to *baggage reclaim* / *flight times*, I found that my suitcase hadn't arrived.

c Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

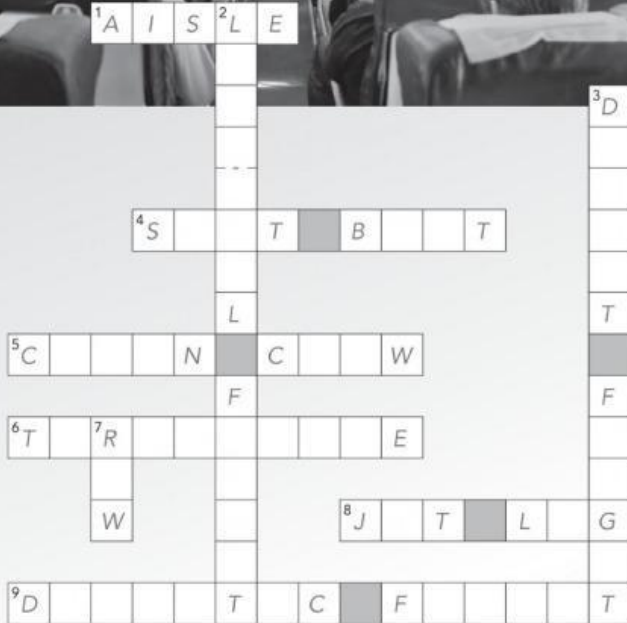
arrivals business-class collect delayed  
first class illegal goods luggage trolley

- 1 Companies usually pay for employees to travel *business class*.
- 2 If your suitcase has wheels, you don't need to use a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 There's usually a line of taxis waiting outside \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Passengers who are travelling \_\_\_\_\_ sit in the most comfortable seats on the plane.
- 5 You should always keep your \_\_\_\_\_ with you when you're in an airport.
- 6 Customs officers check travellers' bags to make sure they are not trying to bring \_\_\_\_\_ into the country.
- 7 It can sometimes take a long time to get out of the airport if you have to wait to \_\_\_\_\_ your bags from baggage reclaim.
- 8 The departures board informs passengers whether a flight is on time, boarding, or \_\_\_\_\_.

d Complete the text.

Last year, I wanted to travel from Madrid to Hamburg to visit a friend. I had booked an <sup>1</sup> *international* flight \_\_\_\_\_ from Madrid to Frankfurt and a <sup>2</sup> *c* \_\_\_\_\_ *fl* \_\_\_\_\_ from Frankfurt to Hamburg. I printed off my <sup>3</sup> *b* \_\_\_\_\_ *p* \_\_\_\_\_ the day before my flight, and I took it with me to the airport. I was able to go straight to security in <sup>4</sup> *D* \_\_\_\_\_ because I only had <sup>5</sup> *h* \_\_\_\_\_ *l* \_\_\_\_\_ – a small backpack. After <sup>6</sup> *sc* \_\_\_\_\_ my bag, they opened it and <sup>7</sup> *ch* \_\_\_\_\_ it to make sure I wasn't carrying any <sup>8</sup> *l* \_\_\_\_\_ or <sup>9</sup> *sh* \_\_\_\_\_ *ob* \_\_\_\_\_, like scissors. When I finally got my bag back, I looked at the <sup>10</sup> *d* \_\_\_\_\_ *b* \_\_\_\_\_ to see if my flight was already <sup>11</sup> *b* \_\_\_\_\_. I needn't have worried, because the flight was <sup>12</sup> *d* \_\_\_\_\_. The plane didn't <sup>13</sup> *t* \_\_\_\_\_ *o* \_\_\_\_\_ until two hours later. When I eventually arrived in Frankfurt, I was happy to see that my next flight was <sup>14</sup> *o* \_\_\_\_\_ *t* \_\_\_\_\_. However, just before we were due to <sup>15</sup> *b* \_\_\_\_\_, we were informed that the flight had been cancelled – apparently, planes couldn't <sup>16</sup> *l* \_\_\_\_\_ in Hamburg because of bad weather. In the end, I finished my journey by train, and I arrived in Hamburg eight hours late!

e Complete the crossword.



ACROSS →

- 1 the passage between the rows of seats on a plane
- 4 a thing that you fasten around your body to hold you in your seat
- 5 the people whose job it is to take care of passengers on a plane
- 6 a series of sudden and violent changes in the direction that air is moving
- 8 the tired feeling that people often have after a long journey in a plane to a place where the local time is different
- 9 a flight between places within the same country

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- 2 a flight that transports people over long distances, e.g. between two continents
- 3 a flight that goes from one place to another without stopping
- 7 a line of seats on a plane

f Circle a, b, or c.

- 1 I \_\_\_ abroad five or six times a year.  
a journey    **b travel**    c trip
- 2 I had a terrible \_\_\_ here – the flight was delayed, and then we had a lot of turbulence.  
a journey    **b travel**    c trip
- 3 Is Hannah back from her \_\_\_ to South America?  
a journey    **b travel**    c trip
- 4 We have to \_\_\_ 400 km if we want to see my grandparents.  
a journey    **b travel**    c trip
- 5 My sister wants to go on a \_\_\_ around the world in her gap year.  
a journey    **b travel**    c trip
- 6 My \_\_\_ to work takes me about an hour.  
a journey    **b travel**    c trip

g Complete the phrasal verbs in the questions with a particle from the list.

in (x2)    off (x3)    on    up (x2)

- 1 Who **picked** you up from the airport the last time you travelled?
- 2 When do you usually **check** \_\_\_\_\_ for a flight?
- 3 Who usually **drops** you \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport?
- 4 Have you ever **filled** \_\_\_\_\_ an immigration form? If so, when?
- 5 What's the first thing you do when you **get** \_\_\_\_\_ a plane?
- 6 Have you ever **picked** \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong bag at baggage reclaim?
- 7 Are you usually in a hurry to **get** \_\_\_\_\_ the plane? Why / Why not?
- 8 Do you ever feel nervous when a plane **takes** \_\_\_\_\_?

h Answer the questions in g.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

so / such...that...

Circle the correct word.

- 1 Her suitcase was so / so much / such heavy that she couldn't pick it up.
- 2 We had so / such / such a long delay that we missed our connecting flight.
- 3 There were so / so much / so many people at the airport that there weren't any trolleys left.
- 4 We flew over so / such / such a lovely countryside that I took some photos from the plane.
- 5 There was so / so much / so many rain that the road to the airport was flooded.
- 6 We were sitting in so / so much / such narrow seats on the plane that it was very uncomfortable.
- 7 The flight attendant spoke so / so much / such softly that I couldn't hear what she was saying.

## 3 GRAMMAR narrative tenses, past perfect continuous

a Circle the correct verb form. Tick (✓) if both are correct.

- 1 Tim couldn't close his case because he had put / had been putting too many clothes in it.
- 2 She had worked / had been working for the same airline for eight years before she was promoted. ✓
- 3 I was delighted when I found my passport. I had looked / had been looking for it for hours.
- 4 After I had picked up / had been picking up my luggage, I took a taxi to my hotel.
- 5 I had sat / had been sitting in departures for 20 minutes when I saw that my flight was boarding at a different gate.
- 6 They had lived / had been living in Manchester before they moved to Scotland.
- 7 The passengers were angry because the airline had cancelled / had been cancelling their flight.
- 8 I was surprised when I was told that my suitcase was too big: I had taken / had been taking it for years without having to pay for it.

b Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

My parents <sup>1</sup> had never flown (never fly) before, so they were very nervous when we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at Heathrow Airport to take our flight to Rome. It <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (rain), so I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) them at the terminal building with instructions to get in the queue at the check-in desk while I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to park my car in the long-term car park. However, when I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) to the check-in desk myself, they were nowhere in sight. I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for them everywhere until it occurred to me it was possible they <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (already / check in) and they <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me in the departure lounge. This was a real problem for me because I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) my passport to my mother, so I couldn't check in. I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (call) my parents on their mobile and, fortunately, my mother answered. They <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (already / go) through to the departure lounge, and they <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for me for nearly half an hour at the gate. Apparently, my mum <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (read) her book and my dad <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a crossword. After we hung up, my mum found an understanding member of staff who met me at the information desk with my passport!

c Write a paragraph about an air travel experience you have had. Use narrative tenses.

## 4 PRONUNCIATION irregular past forms, sentence rhythm

a Write the past simple of the verbs in the list next to the past simple verb that has the same pronunciation of the vowel sound.

catch fly meet pay say sing stand tell wake wear

1 bought	<u>caught</u>	6 spoke	_____
2 rang	_____	7 sold	_____
3 made	_____	8 knew	_____
4 let	_____	9 could	_____
5 saw	_____	10 read	_____

b 3.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the past simple forms.

c 3.2 Listen and complete the gaps in the anecdote.

We were on a <sup>1</sup> flight to Tokyo, and we'd been <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for about <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hours. I was **listening** to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and my <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ was **sleeping**, when <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we **heard** a **very loud** <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as if an **engine** had **exploded**. The <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **didn't tell** us what had <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ until **half an hour later**.

d 3.2 Listen again and practise reading the anecdote aloud with the right rhythm.