



# FLYING FOR BUSINESS



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## Warm up

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Which countries have you flown to?
2. What do you like about flying?
3. What do you dislike about flying?

**2**

## Skimming for details

Quickly read through the article on page two and complete the table with the basic information about the flights discussed.

|        | Flew from | Destination | Length of flight | Day of flight |
|--------|-----------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| Hans   |           |             |                  |               |
| Sheila |           |             |                  |               |



## Best and worst

### Your business travel experiences

#### A. Hans, 34

I generally enjoy travelling for business, but it's not always fun. Once I had to take a trip to Hong Kong from London. My flight was in the evening on a Friday and I'd spent the day in meetings. So I was already tired when I arrived at Heathrow. By the time I entered the cabin, it was about 9 pm and I was exhausted. On shorter trips, I usually got to fly business class, but as this was already an expensive flight, I had to fly economy. Now, I'm quite tall, around 6 foot 3. As I was walking down the aisle looking for my seat number with my boarding card in my hand, there was a moment when I thought I had a seat at the front of a section which would mean plenty of legroom. But no, I was actually in a seat behind that row. I sat down and for a long time, no one came and sat in front of me and I hoped that I could maybe move. Then, some of the last passengers to board were two Australian guys who were huge! Probably several inches taller than me. They talked about how happy they were to have all that space for their legs. They sat down and immediately put their seats all the way back. I could smell their hair. I sat there in that tiny space for twelve hours to Hong Kong and barely slept. I thought the flight would never end.

#### B. Sheila, 38

I'd always wanted to see New York City and I got the opportunity to go over on business. I was so excited. I flew from Amsterdam on a Sunday afternoon and it was quite a long flight of around eight hours. The flight was OK, although there was a bit of turbulence which was a bit scary at one point. Even the cabin crew looked nervous. When we arrived at JFK airport, we all walked into immigration and it was a huge area. There must have been about 500 people waiting and there were three people checking passports and visas. It took forever and people around me were getting more and more angry. When I got to the desk, they were so rude too. I understand that it's not fun looking at passports for hours, but they talked to me like I was a criminal. Then my suitcase took ages to arrive at the baggage reclaim. It was almost four hours between getting off the plane and leaving the airport which was ridiculous. I wasn't very excited about being in New York by the time I got into the city, I just wanted to go to bed.





## 3

**Finding vocabulary**

Find vocabulary in the article on page two which means the same as the following definitions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the area where the passengers sit on a plane (n, Hans)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the space between seats on a plane where you can walk (n, Hans)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the information you are given before you get on a plane with your seat number on which shows that you have checked in (n, Hans)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the space in front of a seat on transport (n, Hans)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a sudden change in the direction the air is moving which can make a plane shake or move (n, Sheila)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the people who work on a plane to look after the passengers (n, Sheila)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the area in an airport where you have to go through when you enter a foreign country (n, Sheila)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ paperwork that shows you have official permission to enter a country (n, Sheila)

## 4

**Reading comprehension**

Read the following statements and decide if they are True (T), False (F), or Not Given (NG).

1. Hans went straight to the airport from work. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hans had to fly in an economy seat. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hans had lots of space for his legs on the flight. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hans spoke to the people sitting in front of him on the plane. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sheila had travelled to her destination before. \_\_\_\_\_
6. There were no problems on Sheila's flight. \_\_\_\_\_
7. There were 500 people on Sheila's flight. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Sheila thought the process of arriving at her destination took longer than it needed to. \_\_\_\_\_





## 5

## Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match the vocabulary to the definitions.

- |                     |                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. domestic (adj.)  | a. an item you can use in an emergency if you're unwell                                                                   |
| 2. carry-on (n)     | b. a feeling of being unwell caused by flying                                                                             |
| 3. landing card (n) | c. a place where you wait before you get on a plane                                                                       |
| 4. airsickness (n)  | d. travelling within one country                                                                                          |
| 5. lounge (n)       | e. a bag you can take with you on to a flight                                                                             |
| 6. sick bag (n)     | f. the situation of being at an airport before you have finished your whole journey                                       |
| 7. connection (n)   | g. the final announcement that a plane is ready to leave                                                                  |
| 8. transit (n)      | h. a plane you get part way through your journey to take you to the next destination                                      |
| 9. last call (n)    | i. a document which you write details about yourself on to give to customs officials when you arrive in a foreign country |

Part B: Now write the words from Part A into the correct gaps in the following sentences.

1. My first flight was late arriving, so I missed my \_\_\_\_\_ and had to stay in a hotel overnight.
2. Somehow, between getting off the plane and arriving at immigration, I lost my \_\_\_\_\_ so had to fill out another one.
3. I forgot what the time was and was in the middle of trying some clothes on when I heard the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I had four hours to spend while I was in \_\_\_\_\_, so I went for a massage which really made me feel better.
5. The first time I went to the United States, I was happy when I arrived in Washington DC, but then the \_\_\_\_\_ flight to San Francisco was another five hours. I didn't realise how big the place was.
6. When I fly, I take these special pills to help stop \_\_\_\_\_. They work really well.
7. I can't believe I fell asleep in the \_\_\_\_\_ and missed my flight! It was so stupid.
8. I got all the way to the plane and realised I'd left my \_\_\_\_\_ in one of the shops!



**Part C: Now in pairs, discuss the following questions.**

1. When you fly, what items do you put in your **carry-on**?
2. Do people often take **domestic** flights in your country? Is the service good?
3. Have you, or anyone you know, ever had a problem with **airsickness**? What can you do about it?
4. When you fly, do you like to get to the **lounge** early, or do you leave it to the last minute? **Why**?
5. Have you ever had to get a **connection** when you were going somewhere? What was the experience like?
6. What do you do if you have a lot of time to spend when you're in **transit**?

**6****Listening for gist**

Listen to three people talking about flying. Complete the task below.

Which of the following questions are they answering?

- a. What tips do you have for flying?
- b. What problems have you had when you've travelled by plane?
- c. What is the first thing you do when you arrive somewhere by plane?





## 7

**Listening comprehension**

Complete the table by ticking the correct box to answer the questions.

| Who...                                                                | Speaker 1 | Speaker 2 | Speaker 3 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| a. takes something so they can have a certain drink when they fly?    |           |           |           |
| b. carries important documents in a special place?                    |           |           |           |
| c. tries to take as few things as possible with them when travelling? |           |           |           |
| d. likes to wash themselves between flights when they are travelling? |           |           |           |
| e. is careful about what they eat before a flight?                    |           |           |           |
| f. waits as long as possible before boarding the plane?               |           |           |           |
| g. doesn't like waiting for bags on arrival?                          |           |           |           |
| h. tries to sleep during the flight?                                  |           |           |           |



## 8

**Talking point**

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Do you have to fly on business? How do you organise the flights?
2. What advice would you give to someone flying for business for the first time?
3. Do you think flying in business class is worth the cost? Why / why not?
4. Do you think travelling for business is exciting? Why / why not?

## 9

**Extended activity/Homework**

Imagine a colleague has emailed you about a flight that you have taken in the past because they are going to the same place soon. Write back to them and tell them about a flight you have taken (business or personal).

Consider the following questions:

- Where were you going?
- Why were you going there?
- What happened on the flight that was interesting?
- What advice would you give to your colleague?

You should:

- Write at least 150 words
- Check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation.