6 Planning and Booking a Holiday

1 **What do you need the following for? Talk to a partner.**

boarding card driving licence passport immunization visa

I need a boarding card to get onto a plane.

I need a... to...

2 **Read the text about planning and booking a holiday and check your answers.**

Nowadays there are plenty of different ways to book a holiday. Because of advances in technology you can now book holidays over the Internet; by teletext, a system providing news and other information through the TV; over the phone or by going into a travel agency. However you choose to book, you should ensure you have everything you need before departing for your holiday. This might include: valid travel documents such as passports, identity cards or visas for entry into specific countries and maybe your driving licence if you intend to drive your own or hire a car; travel tickets for planes, ships, trains or coaches and most airlines now expect you to check-in online before you fly and bring your printed boarding card with you to the airport. You should also consider purchasing some form of travel insurance to cover your costs in case your plane is delayed, cancelled, you lose any personal items or there is an emergency whilst you are on holiday. You can buy this independently or directly from your travel agent or travel provider. If you are travelling abroad some banks like you to inform them, otherwise they may block your credit and debit cards when you try to use them overseas. However, it is always wise to take some currency or a pre-paid debit card with you in case there are any problems.

Travel to certain countries requires immunization against diseases. These vary from country to country, as each has different risks to people health-wise, but you should check with your doctor around six weeks before going on your holiday to discuss possible vaccinations you may need for your destination.

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