

VOCABULARY air travel

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 device*
- 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. _____

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.

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 trolley.
- 3 There's usually a line of taxis waiting outside arrivals.
- 4 Passengers who are travelling business-class sit in the most comfortable seats on the plane.
- 5 You should always keep your luggage with you when you're in an airport.
- 6 Customs officers check travellers' bags to make sure they are not trying to bring illegal goods into the country.
- 7 It can sometimes take a long time to get out of the airport if you have to wait to collect your bags from baggage reclaim.
- 8 The departures board informs passengers whether a flight is on time, boarding, or delayed.

d Complete the text.

Last year, I wanted to travel from Madrid to Hamburg to visit a friend. I had booked an ¹ international flight from Madrid to Frankfurt and a ² connecting flight from Frankfurt to Hamburg. I printed off my ³ boarding pass the day before my flight, and I took it with me to the airport. I was able to go straight to security in ⁴ direct because I only had ⁵ hand luggage – a small backpack. After ⁶ checking my bag, they opened it and ⁷ checked it to make sure I wasn't carrying any ⁸ sharp objects or ⁹ dangerous objects, like scissors. When I finally got my bag back, I looked at the ¹⁰ display board to see if my flight was already ¹¹ boarded. I needn't have worried, because the flight was ¹² cancelled. The plane didn't ¹³ take off until two hours later. When I eventually arrived in Frankfurt, I was happy to see that my next flight was ¹⁴ on time. However, just before we were due to ¹⁵ board, we were informed that the flight had been cancelled – apparently, planes couldn't ¹⁶ land in Hamburg because of bad weather. In the end, I finished my journey by train, and I arrived in Hamburg eight hours late!