

3 Getting on a plane

Match the words with the pictures.

aisle
overhead bin

boarding pass
seat

jet bridge
stairs



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Now put the sentences in the order in which these things happen.

Someone looks at your boarding pass and tells you where your seat is. ____

You board the plane. ____

You put your bag in the overhead storage. ____

Your boarding pass is scanned at the departure gate. 1

You sit in your seat. ____

You walk down the stairs or bridge. ____

Work in pairs. Think of other things that you can find on a plane. If you don't know the names of these things, use a dictionary. Write them in the space below.

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**4****Before take off**

Read the short message that you might hear on the plane and complete the definitions below with the words in bold.

"Ladies and gentlemen we're ready for **take off**. The **flight** will take about 3 hours and we will **land** at our **destination** at about 6pm local time. If you need any assistance during this time please ask our **cabin crew**."

1. a journey by plane: _____
2. come back to the ground after flying: _____
3. people on a plane who assist you: _____
4. the place that you're going to: _____
5. leave the ground and start to fly: _____

5**In the air**

Match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1. The in-flight entertainment today will be | a. at all times on this flight. |
| 2. Please fasten your seat belt | b. drinks and snacks. |
| 3. On this flight, we serve | c. of 30,000 feet. |
| 4. Smoking is prohibited | d. please fasten your seat belt. |
| 5. We are now at an altitude | e. the new Ghostbusters movie. |
| 6. If there is turbulence | f. when we switch on the sign. |

6**Arriving at your destination airport**

Put the words below into the spaces in the text.

baggage claim
immigration

customs form
security

declare (x2)
terminal

electronic
visa

Once you get off the plane, there will be a short walk or a bus ride to the airport _____¹. The next stage is _____². Here, _____³ will check your passport, and you might need to fill in a _____⁴. Also if you need a _____⁵ for the country you're arriving in, some airports ask you to open your passport and show them the page where it is. At lot of airports now have _____ scanners for your passport, and they also take your photo.

After that, you'll go to the _____⁷ area. This is the place where you pick up your bags. Finally, you'll go through customs. There will be two signs. One will say 'Nothing to _____⁸', which will be green, and the other 'Goods to _____⁹', which will be red. If you're sure that you have nothing illegal with you, and you haven't bought too many duty-free products, take the green exit.



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Getting to your final destination

Karen just arrived at JFK airport*. She wants to get to Midtown but doesn't know how to get there. She asks for directions at the information desk. Listen to the dialogue and complete the gaps.

Karen: Hello.

Information Assistant: Hi, how can I help you?

Karen: How do I get to Midtown Manhattan

Information Assistant: Well, there are a few _____¹: There's the Airport Express bus, the AirTrain, then subway, or a taxi.

Karen: Okay, where does the bus leave _____²?

Information Assistant: Just go out through the _____³ exit and turn left. The bus stops are on the other _____⁴ of the road. A lot of these buses go to the Grand Central Terminal.

Karen: Okay, and what about the train?

Information Assistant: Oh, there's a train to Penn Station _____⁵ 8 minutes.

Karen: And where can I get on the train?

Information Assistant: Can you see the _____⁶ over there? Just follow those signs, it's not far from there.

Karen: How much is a ticket?

Information Assistant: I think it's about \$7.75.

Karen: And how much is the bus?

Information Assistant: Oh, the bus is only \$5.

Karen: But is the train faster?

Information Assistant: Yes. It's probably 30 minutes faster than the bus. And it usually takes _____⁷ an hour but it _____⁸ on the traffic.

Karen: Okay, thank you very _____⁹. I think I will take the bus. Bye.

Information Assistant: My _____¹⁰. Enjoy your stay. Bye.

**The main airport near NYC*

Working in pairs practice the dialogue. Change roles.

Audio

