

Test Unit 9

A. VOCABULARY .Listen and choose the correct option.

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B. Read the article . Match the words and phrases from the article with their meanings

READING

GOT BUMPED FROM A FLIGHT?
Maybe it's not so bad after all...

As most travelers know, airlines commonly overbook flights because of the large and predictable number of "no-shows"—people who have reservations but don't show up for the flight. Overbooking helps airlines limit the number of empty seats on their flights. However, if a flight is overbooked, some passengers with confirmed reservations have to get off the plane. Getting bumped isn't always a bad thing, however. There is a growing number of passengers who feel lucky if their flight is overbooked. Why? Because airlines have to provide bumped passengers with cash, free flights, hotels, and/or meals to compensate them for their inconvenience.

In fact, airlines usually ask for volunteers to get off an overbooked flight in exchange for these perks, and many passengers say "Sure!" and happily deplane. Some people even make a habit of choosing flights that are likely to be overbooked, just so they can volunteer.

Driver blames GPS for train crash

REDFORD HILLS—Last night, Edward Carter, 43, of White Plains told police that his car's global positioning system (GPS) instructed him to make a wrong turn directly onto the train tracks in Bedford Hills. When he turned, his car became stuck on the tracks, and he had to abandon the car.

In a statement to the police, the man said he was driving north with his son on the Sun 348 Parkway at about 8 p.m. They planned to go to a restaurant on Route 117.

Following the instructions from his GPS unit, he exited the parkway at Green Lane. But then, instead of driving to Route 117 and turning right there, he made a very wrong turn. He turned right at the railroad tracks, wrong turn.

The man and his son tried to move the car off the tracks, but they couldn't. Shortly afterward, a Metro-North commuter train hit Mr. Carter's car. Luckily, there were no deaths or injuries. Police say that drivers need to pay attention to the road, not the GPS unit.

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| 1. overbook | a. have to get off the plane because there aren't enough seats |
| 2. "no-shows" | b. someone who offers to get off an overbooked flight |
| 3. get bumped | c. get off the plane |
| 4. volunteer | d. sell too many tickets for a flight |
| 5. perks | e. benefits like cash, free flights, hotels, and meals |
| 6. deplane | f. people who have tickets but don't appear for a flight |

Read the articles on page 106 of the Student's Book again. Answer the questions.

- Why do airlines overbook flights?

- What do airlines give bumped passengers?

- Why did Mr. Carter turn onto the train tracks?

- Were Mr. Carter and his son in the car when the train hit it?

- What advice do the police officers give?

C. Complete each statement with a correct word or phrase.

limousine overbooked express an aisle cancelled

hotel reservation not-stop direct rental car

- It's important to make a flight. I get really early because it can be difficult to find a room after you arrive.
- When your whole family is going to the airport together, you can reserve a flight. You don't have to change planes, but the plane stops twice.
- It can be convenient to use a if you want to drive but can't bring your own car.
- Are you kidding? They it? That was the last flight! Just ten minutes ago they said it was here and ready to board!
- Do you think I should take the train? I know it's much faster, but I'm not sure it stops at my station on weekends.
- The airline the flight, and when I got to the gate, the agent said another passenger had my seat. I had such bad luck!
- My husband always gets seat. He likes to get up and walk around on long flights.

D. Complete each statement or question with **should** or **could**.

- the express. The local arrives too late. (advice)
- They said two aisle seats or an aisle and a window. (possibility)
- I the 7:30!
- No, a direct flight. They have to change planes in Antofagasta. (advice)
- Which train? We absolutely have to be there on time. (advice)

E. Complete each statement or question with **be going to**.

- A: On Saturday, for Cancún.
- B: Really? a car there? There are some great places to explore.
- A: No. I think on the beach and rest.
- By the way, where for your vacation?
- B: I'm not sure. But to Bangkok on business next month, and a few days off to go sightseeing. I hear it's great.
- When for the airport?
- a limo for her.
- The tourist a Hotel reservation in Paris.
- a rental car at John F. Kennedy Airport?