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Fasten your seatbelts

G narrative tenses, past perfect continuous, so / such...that...

V air travel

P irregular past forms, sentence rhythm

I don't have a fear of flying;
I have a fear of crashing.
Billy Bob Thornton, American actor

1 VOCABULARY air travel

a 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 devices*
- 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.

b 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.

c Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

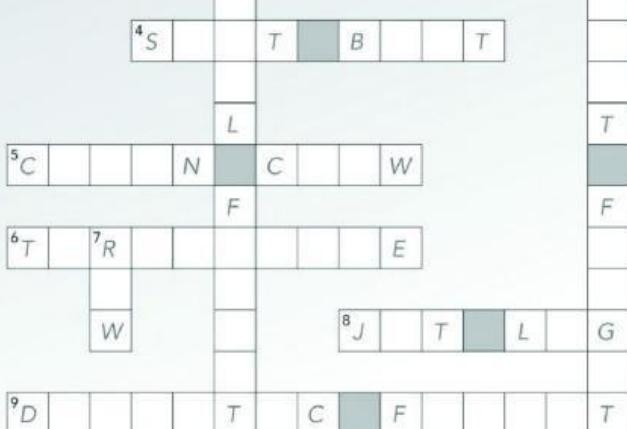
arrivals business-class collect delayed
first class illegal goods luggage trolley

- 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 **first 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**c** **fl** from Frankfurt to Hamburg. I printed off my ³**b** **p** the day before my flight, and I took it with me to the airport. I was able to go straight to security in ⁴**D** because I only had ⁵**h** **l** – a small backpack. After ⁶**sc** **my bag**, they opened it and ⁷**ch** **it** to make sure I wasn't carrying any ⁸**L** or ⁹**sh** **ob**, like scissors. When I finally got my bag back, I looked at the ¹⁰**d** **b** to see if my flight was already ¹¹**b**. I needn't have worried, because the flight was ¹²**d**. The plane didn't ¹³**t** **o** until two hours later. When I eventually arrived in Frankfurt, I was happy to see that my next flight was ¹⁴**o** **t**. However, just before we were due to ¹⁵**b**, we were informed that the flight had been cancelled – apparently, planes couldn't ¹⁶**l** in Hamburg because of bad weather. In the end, I finished my journey by train, and I arrived in Hamburg eight hours late!

e Complete the crossword.



ACROSS →

- 1 the passage between the rows of seats on a plane
- 4 a thing that you fasten around your body to hold you in your seat
- 5 the people whose job it is to take care of passengers on a plane
- 6 a series of sudden and violent changes in the direction that air is moving
- 8 the tired feeling that people often have after a long journey in a plane to a place where the local time is different
- 9 a flight between places within the same country

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- 2 a flight that transports people over long distances, e.g. between two continents
- 3 a flight that goes from one place to another without stopping
- 7 a line of seats on a plane

f **Circle** a, b, or c.

- 1 I abroad five or six times a year.
a journey **b** travel c trip
- 2 I had a terrible here – the flight was delayed, and then we had a lot of turbulence.
a journey b travel c trip
- 3 Is Hannah back from her to South America?
a journey b travel c trip
- 4 We have to 400 km if we want to see my grandparents.
a journey b travel c trip
- 5 My sister wants to go on a around the world in her gap year.
a journey b travel c trip
- 6 My to work takes me about an hour.
a journey b travel c trip

g Complete the phrasal verbs in the questions with a particle from the list.

in (x2) off (x3) on up (x2)

- 1 Who **picked** you up from the airport the last time you travelled?
- 2 When do you usually **check** for a flight?
- 3 Who usually **drops** you at the airport?
- 4 Have you ever **filled** an immigration form? If so, when?
- 5 What's the first thing you do when you **get** a plane?
- 6 Have you ever **picked** the wrong bag at baggage reclaim?
- 7 Are you usually in a hurry to **get** the plane? Why / Why not?
- 8 Do you ever feel nervous when a plane **takes** _____?

h Answer the questions in g.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____