

UNIT 5: Entering the Target Country

Warm-up

- **Dictation:** Write the letters you hear.

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- **Reverse dictation:** spell the words and read the numbers aloud.

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Listening: At Immigration

Exercise 1. Listen to the dialogue between Laura and an immigration officer. Answer the questions below. (The transcript and [vocabulary words](#) are found on page 3 of the document.)

1. What 5 questions did the immigration officer ask Laura?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

2. How would you answer these same questions?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

Usage: the verb "have"

Today we will review the verb "have" (= *tener*). You know the verb, but it is important to remember that this verb has different forms in British and American English.

Grammar Reference

Notes on the verb "have"

The British usually use the phrase "**have got**" instead of "**have**". The latter is the American form.

- To form questions the British way, "have" functions as an auxiliary verb and is moved to the front of the sentence: "**Have you got** your return ticket?"
- To form questions the American way, have functions as the main verb and the auxiliary verb "do" is used: "**Do you have** a return ticket?"
- This distinction applies to negative formation as well.
 - She **hasn't got** her passport. (UK)
 - He **doesn't have** his passport. (US)

Exercise 2. Because of your future travel plans—to Zanzibar (which was a British protectorate for nearly 75 years) and to the US—it is important to know both of these forms. Change the following sentences or questions to the opposite form—from British to American or vice versa.

1. Have you got anything to declare ?	
2. Do you have cigarettes or cigars in your bags?	
3. I haven't got any wine or beer.	
4. She doesn't have perfume in her bags.	
5. Do have items to sell in country?	
6. We haven't got much time.	
7. He has a camera and a cell phone*.	
8. The immigration officer has got my passport.	

* The British call a cell phone a **mobile phone**.

Reading for information

Travellers over 17 years of age are permitted to bring the following into Zanzibar:

- 250g of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco (combined weight)
- 1 litre of spirits or wine
- 500ml of perfume and eau de toilette.

The following are banned from being imported into Zanzibar: unlicensed firearms and ammunition.



If you have more than the duty-free allowances listed or if you have prohibited or restricted goods, go into the RED channel or lane.



If you have nothing more than the duty-free allowances and no prohibited or restricted goods, go straight through the GREEN channel or lane except if stopped by a customs officer.

Exercise 2. Answer the following questions.

1. You are arriving in Zanzibar from Buenos Aires. You have 250 cigarettes and 3 litres of sparkling wine. Which lane would you go into? _____
2. You are flying from Buenos Aires to Zanzibar. You want to buy perfume without paying duty. How much can you buy at the duty-free shop at Ezeiza airport? _____

Listening: At Customs

You will hear a conversation between a passenger and a customs agent. Listen and try to understand it without looking at the transcript. Then listen again and fill in the blanks.

Dialogue: The customs officer

In this dialogue, Peter, who has flown in from New York City, is going through customs.
[Complete the dialogue with the correct words.]

Customs: Hi, could you put your bag on the table, please?

Peter: Yes, sure.

Customs: Would you mind _____ it for me, please!

Peter: Yes, of course.

Customs: Did you _____ it yourself?

Peter: Yes, I did.

Customs: Where have you _____ in from?

Peter: New York City.

Customs: Is this your _____ time in the UK?

Peter: Yes.

Customs: Is there anyone else _____ with you?

Peter: No.

Customs: Can I _____ your passport, please!

Peter: Yes, erm, here you are.

Customs: OK, and what's the _____ of your visit?

Peter: I'm _____ some friends and relatives.

Customs: And how long do you plan to stay?

Peter: _____ days

Customs: Where will you be staying?

Peter: At my uncle's house.

Customs: Have you got anything to _____?

Peter: No, I don't think so. I mean, I've got this bottle of whisky, but I got it in the duty-free shop.

Customs: That's all right. That's within your duty-free allowance. OK, you can go now. Enjoy your stay.

Peter: Thanks.



Transcript of conversation with immigration officer (from page 1)

Immigration Officer: May I have your passport, please?

Laura: Here you are.

Immigration: What's the nature of your visit? Business or pleasure?

Laura: Pleasure. I'm on holiday.

Immigration: How long are you going to stay in the UK?

Laura: About one week.

Immigration: What is your occupation?

Laura: I work as a high school chemistry teacher.

Immigration: Do you have a return ticket?

Laura: Yes, here it is.

Immigration: That's fine. Enjoy your stay.

Laura: Thank you.

Key Words

Because of the reading activity that follows as homework, there is more vocabulary in this exercise.

- **immigration:** the place where officials check the documents of everyone entering the country or to enter another country :: **inmigración**
- **occupation:** a job :: **profesión**
- **customs:** the place where your bags are checked when entering the country :: **aduanas**
- **goods:** items :: **artículos, ítems**
- **allow:** permit :: **permitir**
- **provided:** if :: **si**
- **intend:** plan :: **tener la intención de**
- **souvenir:** memento; something you keep as a reminder :: **recuerdo**
- **prohibit:** not allow :: **prohibir**
- **restrict:** limit or control the amount of something :: **limitar, restringir**
- **unless:** if . . . not :: **si no**
- **pleasure:** enjoyment :: **placer**
- **holiday:** vacation :: **vacaciones**
- **stay:** remain (verb); time spent in a particular place :: **quedar (verbo); estadia (sustantivo)**
- **return ticket:** ticket to return to origin :: **pasaje de vuelta**
- **“That’s fine.”:** “That’s OK.” or “That’s acceptable.” :: **“Esta bien.”**
- **spirits:** alcoholic beverages :: **bebidas alcohólicas**
- **tap wáter:** :: **agua de la canilla**
- **safe:** secure, free from harm :: **seguro, sin peligro**
- **available:** :: **disponible**
- **single:** unmarried or alone :: **soltera o sola**
- **avoid:** stay away from :: **evitar**
- **plugs:** a device for making an electrical connection between an appliance and the electric current consisting of an insulated casing with metal pins that fit into holes in a socket :: **enchufes**
- **voltage:** electric potential :: **voltaje**
- **appliance:** a device with a specific purpose :: **electrodomestico**
- **convertor:** a device that changes something from one form to another :: **convertidor**
- **sockets:** where you plug in a machine :: **enchufes**
- **two-pronged:** with two pins that fit into a socket :: **de dos clavijas**
- **adaptor:** a device for connecting pieces of equipment that cannot be connected directly :: **adaptador**
- **currency:** the money of a particular place :: **moneda**
- **notes:** paper money :: **billetes**
- **stock up:** gather sufficient supply before needed :: **abastecerse**
- **ATM:** automated teller machine :: **cajero automático**
- **piping hot:** very hot, boiling hot :: **hirviendo**
- **lukewarm:** warm :: **tibio**
- **queue:** the British word for a line (of people waiting) :: **cola**
- **tip:** extra money given for a service :: **propina**
- **compulsory:** obligatory :: **obligatorio**
- **porter:** the person who carries your bags for you :: **maletero**
- **used to:** accustomed to :: **acostumbrado a**
- **smuggle:** to take items into a country illegally :: **contrabandear**
- **declare:** notify of items brought into a country :: **anunciar, notificar**

Homework

This is a reading exercise. The information below is from On the Go Tours and will provide interesting and/or important information about travel to Zanzibar. Read the paragraphs and answer the questions that follow.

Is it safe to drink tap water in Zanzibar? The tap water in Zanzibar is not **safe** to drink, so we strongly recommend drinking bottled water, which is widely **available** across the island. This includes avoiding ice in your drinks and eating salads which may have been washed in the tap water.

Is it safe for a single woman to travel to Zanzibar? It is important to remember that Zanzibar is a majority Muslim country and therefore dressing appropriately is a must. Bikinis on the beach are fine but when walking through the towns and villages, women should wear conservative clothes—not just to **avoid** attention but also to respect the local culture. You should also avoid walking around alone when it is dark. Generally, however, aside from a bit of attention from the local men, women should not encounter any physical violence or threatening behavior.

What sort of plugs do I need for Zanzibar? The **voltage** in Zanzibar is 220-240v so some **appliances** might need a **converter**. Plug **sockets** require the three-pronged British plugs but there are some that are wired to accept the two-pronged European kind. It's best to take a universal travel **adaptor** with you so that you can use all available electrical sockets.

What is the currency in Zanzibar? The official **currency** in Zanzibar is the Tanzanian Shilling. The current exchange rate is 1 Argentine peso = 1,87 Tanzanian shilling. Although the shilling is the main currency on the island, many places will also accept US dollars, so it is always a good idea to carry a reasonable amount in small **notes** with you. The only **ATMs** on the island of Zanzibar are in Stone Town so be sure to **stock up** on cash while you are there. Credit cards are accepted in larger places but do not depend upon them and be sure to check before making a purchase in shops, restaurants, and hotels that you will be able to pay by card. Traveller's Cheques are not accepted in Zanzibar.

What is the duty-free allowance for Zanzibar? Travellers over 17 years of age are permitted to bring the following into Zanzibar:

- 250g of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco (combined weight)
- 1 litre of spirits or wine
- 500ml of perfume and eau de toilette, of which no more than a quarter may be perfume

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Safe eating while travelling in Zanzibar. Food hygiene standards in Zanzibar may differ to what you are used to back home so to avoid getting sick take extra precautions with your food. Ensure that all hot food is served **piping hot** rather than **lukewarm**. If something looks poorly prepared, especially meat or fish, it is better not to eat it. When it comes to street food, don't eat anything that might have been sat in the sun for too long. A good tip when buying food is to look for somewhere with a **queue** of locals as this will invariably be where the good food is. Be careful when eating salads or consuming drinks with ice, as the water, although generally safe, may upset your stomach.

Is it standard to tip in Zanzibar? While it is not **compulsory** to tip in Zanzibar, due to the high number of western tourists that travel here every year, workers have become **used to** receiving something for their service. USD \$1-2 per day for hotel staff is an adequate amount, and 5% or so should be added restaurant bills. Naturally, this can fluctuate according to how good you found the service. Guides, **porters** and cooks that join you on tours should be tipped around USD \$8-15 per day. This amount can be shared amongst the group. It is not common to tip taxi drivers in Zanzibar, but rounding up your fare is a generous way of showing your appreciation.

Indicate if the following sentences are true or false.

You should not request ice in Zanzibar.	true	false
The main religion in Zanzibar is Islam.	true	false
The voltage in Zanzibar is the same as in Argentina.	true	false
Only one city in Zanzibar offers ATMs.	true	false
You may take three bottles of wine without paying a tax.	true	false
The Argentine peso is stronger than the Tanzanian shilling.	true	false
It is safe for women to travel alone at night.	true	false
You should add a 5% tip when eating at a restaurant.	true	false
Don't eat street food in Zanzibar.	true	false
Bikinis are acceptable attire on the beach.	true	false

Write below any other words from the text that are new to you.
