

Stuck in an Airport?

What to do . . .

What do people usually do while they're waiting in an airport?

Many people are upset when their flight is delayed. Not only do they have to change their schedule but, even worse, they have to wait in an airport! There's no need to be upset, though. Airports are much better places these days than most people realize.

- **Belief:** Airport food is bad – as bad as airplane food.
- **Reality:** Airports have fine international cuisine – from fresh seafood in London to Korean barbecue in Honolulu. And you can stock up on something to have for later – for example, cheese and caviar in Paris.

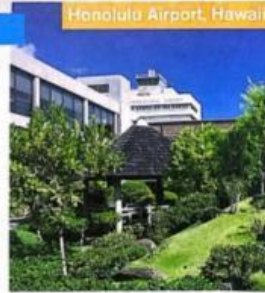


Heathrow Airport, London



Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam

- **Belief:** Shopping in airports is great, that is, if you need a T-shirt.
- **Reality:** In Amsterdam, you can buy anything from perfume to diamonds. In El Paso, Texas, you can buy antique knives or regional art. The art is so interesting that some people fly to El Paso just to visit the airport gallery. And Singapore's airport is known for some of the best shopping in the world!



Honolulu Airport, Hawaii

- **Belief:** Airports make people uncomfortable and tense.
 - **Reality:** The airport at Honolulu has peaceful gardens. Pittsburgh has a meditation room: When you walk in, relaxing music comes on and pictures of clouds are projected on the walls. If you prefer exercise, hotels at the airports in Los Angeles, Dallas, and many other cities have fitness centers that anyone can use.
- So, the next time you're stuck in an airport, have some fun!

A. Read the article. In which airport can you do the following? Write the letter of the correct place.

- 1. meditate surrounded by music and clouds _____
 - 2. eat Korean barbecue _____
 - 3. buy an interesting painting _____
 - 4. exercise in a fitness center _____
 - 5. buy a diamond _____
 - 6. visit one of the world's best shopping places _____
- a) Amsterdam
 - b) Dallas
 - c) Singapore
 - d) Honolulu
 - e) Pittsburgh
 - f) El Paso