

At the airport

Read the following story and work in the exercises below.

I was **heading off** on a business trip. My colleague said he would **drop** me **off** at the airport. We **set off** for the airport early so we didn't get **stuck in** rush hour traffic, and when we **pulled up** at the airport, he **dropped** me **off** at the door to the departure area. I **got out of** the car and **hurried up** to the counter, where I **checked in** my suitcase and showed the assistant my **carry-on** luggage. They told me the plane was **held up**, and would be late **taking off**. I **went through** the security checks, where they **patted** me **down** and checked my bag. I decided to have a **look at** the duty-free shops and to **pick up** a newspaper and a snack for on the plane. Finally, I **got on** the plane, **sat down**, **put on** my earphones, **opened up** the newspaper, and **settled down** for the flight.

Exercise A. Match the sentences 1 – 7 with its meaning a–g

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| 1. Where were you heading off last Friday. _____ | a. body search, check |
| 2. Many people get stuck in the traffic at noon. _____ | b. leave |
| 3. Why did you drop off on the corner? _____ | c. register |
| 4. When did you check in the hotel? _____ | d. be unable to move |
| 5. The meeting was held up for next week. _____ | e. postponed |
| 6. A police officer patted us down at the entrance. _____ | f. going |
| 7. When I got on the bus it started to rain. _____ | g. boarded |

Exercise B. Read the text again, choose the correct option.

1. Why did he **set off** early for the airport?
 - a. To avoid getting stuck in rush hour traffic
 - b. to pick up a newspaper

2. Where did his friend **drop** him **off** at the airport?
 - a. At the duty free area
 - b. at the departure area

3. What did he do when he **got out** of the car?
 - a. he sat down and waited for the flight
 - b. He headed to the counter

4. Why did the flight **take off** late?
 - a. Because it had been held up
 - b. because it got stuck in rush hour traffic

5. What did he do after he **went through** the security check?
 - a. He got on the plane
 - b. he went to the duty-free shops

6. He **settled down**...
 - a. After he had sat down, put on his earphones and read the newspaper
 - b. After he had sat down, put on his earphones and had opened the newspaper