34 Air travel

A Flying

FLYING QUESTIONNAIRE

1 Do you always look for the cheapest **airfare**? .....
2 At the airport **check-in**, are there often long **queues**? .....
3 What kinds of things do you do in the **departure lounge**? .....
4 On a flight, do you prefer **take-off** or **landing**? .....
5 In the **cabin**[1], do you prefer to sit near the **wing**[2] or the **tail**[3]? .....
6 Do you keep your seatbelt fastened **throughout** the flight? .....
7 Have you ever been **airsick**? .....
8 Did the last flight you took leave and arrive **on schedule**? .....
9 Have you ever flown in a **helicopter**[4]? If not, would you like to? .....



GLOSSARY

airfare the money you pay to travel by plane
check-in the place where you go to in an airport to leave your suitcases and show your ticket **check in** *v*
queue a line of people waiting to do sth **queue** *v*
departure leaving a place. OPP **arrival** You wait in **departures / the departure lounge** before you get on the plane. OPP **arrivals**
take-off the moment when an aeroplane starts to fly **take off** *v*
landing coming down onto the ground in a plane **land** *v*
throughout during the whole period of time of sth
airsick feeling that you are going to vomit when you are on a plane ALSO **travel-sick/seasick/carsick**
schedule a plan of activities and when they will happen. If a plane leaves **on schedule**, it leaves at the time it was expected to leave. SYN **on time**

1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ throughout / bathroom S
1 queue / throughout .....
2 departure / match .....
3 check-in / chemist .....
4 schedule / school .....
5 lounge / change .....
6 helicopter / arrival .....

2 Write the words in the table.

tail ✓ be airsick check-in queue wing take-off landing arrivals cabin departure lounge

IN THE AIRPORT BUILDING		IN OR ON THE PLANE	
.....	.....	▶ tail	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
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3 Replace the underlined phrases with a word or phrase. The meaning must stay the same.

▶ A bird flew into the part of the plane where passengers sit. cabin
1 We arrived at the airport and went to the desk with our bags and tickets. .....
2 Children were making a lot of noise during the whole of the flight. .....
3 The money we paid for the plane ticket was very cheap. .....
4 We sat and talked in the place where you wait before getting on the plane. .....
5 The plane left the ground and started to fly in heavy rain. .....
6 We landed in Lima at the planned time. .....
7 My brother was waiting for me in the place where people get off the plane. .....
8 I stood in a long line of people for an hour at the airport. .....
9 Passengers should check in ninety minutes before they leave. .....
10 Have you checked the plane timetable? .....

4 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers to the questionnaire, or ask another student.**

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Choosing your seat

WHICH SEAT IS BEST?

It doesn't matter if you travel for business or **pleasure**, the choice of ticket is an important one. Most of us **can't afford to** travel **first class**, but **business class** is less expensive and has certain **advantages** over **economy class**. Pay more, and you get the following benefits:

- **board** more quickly
- enjoy a higher **standard** of food
- enjoy greater **luxury**
- be served by very **experienced** flight attendants
- have more **private** space
- **have access to** a greater variety of **entertainment**

SPOTLIGHT *experience/experienced*

If you **have experience** [U] of something, you know about it and have done it before.

- *I **have** a lot of **experience** with children.*

An **experience** [C] is something that has happened to you.

- *Living in India was an interesting **experience**.*

Experienced *adj*

- *She's a very **experienced** teacher.*

GLOSSARY

pleasure	the feeling of being happy and enjoying sth
afford	If you **can afford** sth, you have enough money to pay for it.
first class	the part of the plane which is more expensive to travel in **business class** (cheaper than first class) **economy class** (the cheapest class of air travel)
advantage	sth that helps you or is useful OPP **disadvantage**
board (a plane, boat, etc.)	get on (a plane, boat, etc.)
standard	how good sb or sth is
luxury	a way of living where you have all the beautiful and expensive things you want
private	for one particular person or small group only
have access to sth	have the opportunity to use sth
entertainment	anything that people think is interesting or funny: films, concerts, theatre, etc.

5 **Underline the main stress on these words. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶	experience	3	advantage	6	economy	9	luxury
1	access	4	pleasure	7	business	10	disadvantage
2	private	5	standard	8	entertainment		

6 **Complete the dialogues.**

▶	Have you got on the plane yet?	~ Yes, we've just boarded.
1	Can I go in this part of the plane?	~ No, I'm sorry, it's p_____.
2	There are plenty of things to watch on the flight.	~ Yes, there's lots of e_____.
3	They've worked for the airline for many years.	~ Yes, they are very e_____.
4	First class is too expensive for me.	~ I agree. I can't a_____ it either.
5	Can you use the internet on this flight?	~ Yes, we have a_____ to it.
6	Flying is something that makes you very happy.	~ Yes, it gives me a lot of p_____.
7	On long night flights, you can sleep.	~ Yes, that's a big a_____.
8	The service on the plane was excellent.	~ Yes, it was of a very high s_____.

7 **Complete the sentences.**

		ABOUT YOU
▶	I can afford to fly first class.	
1	I've had lots of interesting _____ when travelling.	
2	I've always had a high _____ of service when flying.	
3	I usually have _____ to the internet and entertainment on a flight.	
4	Flying is no _____ for me: I hate it.	
5	I hate queueing to _____ a plane or train.	
6	I would love the _____ of first class travel, but unfortunately I've never had it.	

8 ABOUT YOU **Are the sentences in Exercise 7 true for you? If not, change them to make them true.**

▶ I can afford to fly first class. I certainly can't afford to fly first class. I can't even afford economy class!

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