

UNIT 9 Taking Transportation

PREVIEW

1 Look at the departure schedule and the clock. Read the statements. Check true or false.

true false

- The next flight to Porto Alegre is at 5:50 P.M.
- Flight 902 to São Luís is leaving from Gate C-6.
- The flight to Caracas is delayed.
- Flight number 267 is going to Belo Horizonte.
- Passengers traveling to Rio de Janeiro on Flight 89 should hurry.
- Flight 60 to São Paulo is late.

RAPID AIR BRASILIA DEPARTURES					
Destination	Flight No.	Departs	Gate	Status	
Belo Horizonte	267	16:10	G3	boarding	
Brasília	902	16:30	G8	delayed	
São Paulo	58	18:00	G4	now 17:25	
Salvador	427	17:00	G1	on time	
São Paulo	60	17:30	G4	delayed	
Porto Alegre	267	18:00	G1	delayed	
Caracas	04	18:00	G1	cancelled	
Brasília	902	18:30	G8	on time	
São Paulo	82	18:30	G4	on time	

15:50

2 Choose the correct response. Write the letter on the line.

— 1. "Oh, no! The bus is leaving in four minutes." a. Thank goodness.
 — 2. "Good news. Our flight is on time." b. No, I'm connecting to Quito.
 — 3. "I'm looking for Gate C4." c. What a coincidence!
 — 4. "Is this your final destination?" d. Yes. Let's look for track 6.
 — 5. "I'm catching a flight to Barcelona, too." e. It's down this hall, on the right.
 — 6. "We're catching the 8:27 train, right?" f. We should hurry!

LESSON 1

3 Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Which is faster—the local or the express?

- Which is more scenic—an aisle seat or a window seat?

- Which is more convenient—a direct flight or a non-stop flight?

- Which is less expensive—a one-way ticket or a round-trip ticket?

4 Complete each sentence or question. Use could or should and the base form of the verb.

- Want my advice? You / take the express. You / take the local, but it takes thirty minutes longer.
—
2. You / hurry! I / make the 7:30!
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3. She / buy round-trip tickets. They are cheaper than two one-way tickets, and she won't have to wait in another ticket line.
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4. We / take an aisle seat in the rear of the plane or a window seat in the front. What do you think? Which seats we / take?
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5. The flight is delayed. We / be late for the meeting. We / call the office!
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6. No, they / not / get a direct flight. They have to change planes in Anchorage.

5 Put the conversation in order. Write the number on the line.

— Let's see. The local leaves from track 23, lower level.
1. Can I help you?
— Oh, no! What should we do?
— That's not too bad. What's the track number?
— Yes. Can we still make the 10:05 express to Antwerp?
— I'm sorry. You missed it.
— Thanks very much.
— Well, you could take a local train. There's one at 11:05.

LESSON 2

7 What are your plans for today? Check the things you're going to do. Add your own activities.

call a friend check my e-mail go shopping study
 exercise clean my house take the bus cook
 other _____

8 Now write sentences about your plans for today. Use the future tense with be going to.

I'm going to call a friend tonight after work.

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

9 What are they going to do? Write the letter on the line.

— 1. She's going to make a reservation. — 3. She's going to take a limo.
 — 2. He's going to arrive at 8:45. — 4. He's not going to take a taxi.



10 Read the response. Complete each question with be going to.

- A: Where is Paul going to meet us?
B: Paul's going to meet us at the airport cafe.
- A: Who is going to buy the tickets?
B: I think Gretchen is going to buy the tickets.
- A: When are you going to pack?
B: I'm going to pack tonight.
- A: What time are they going to arrive?
B: They're going to arrive at 5:50 P.M.
- A: Are they going to make our connecting flight?
B: Yes, we'll make it.

Did you know?
The world's longest direct run train (without changing trains) is 10,214 km. from Moscow, Russia, to Pyongyang, North Korea. One train a week takes this route. The trip takes almost eight days!

11 Complete the conversation. Use words from the box.

limousine going should late check arriving reservation rental

A: What time are we going to in Copenhagen?
 B: Pretty late. Around 10:30 P.M.
 A: What about a hotel?
 B: I'm going to make a reservation online.
 A: Great. And are we going to need a taxi to the hotel?
 B: There's a limousine from the airport, or we could get a rental car.
 A: They're expensive. We should save our money.
 Is there a train?
 B: Let me check ...

