3A Fasten your seatbelts

I don't have a fear of flying;
I have a fear of crashing.
Billy Bob Thornton, American actor

G narrative tenses, past perfect continuous, *so / such...that...* **V** air travel **P** irregular past forms, sentence rhythm

1 VOCABULARY air travel

a Replace the **bold** words with a formal word or phrase from the list.

approximately disembark locate
~~personal electronic devices~~ place
proceed to rear requiring

1 **Mobile phones, tablets, and laptops** may be used in flight mode during the flight. *personal electronic devices*
2 There are toilets at the front and at the **back** of the plane. _____
3 Our flight time today is **about** two and a half hours. _____
4 The crew will be passing through the cabin with landing cards for any passengers **needing** one. _____
5 Passengers to New York are asked to **go to** Gate 36 immediately. _____
6 Please check you have all your belongings with you before you **leave the plane**. _____
7 We ask that you **put** bags and jackets under the seat in front of you. _____
8 Please take some time now to **find** your nearest emergency exit. _____

b Circle the correct word.

1 They had booked an economy flight, so they couldn't use the *airport terminal / VIP lounge*.
2 It didn't take long for me to check in my suitcase at the *baggage drop-off / security*.
3 The passengers were stopped at *customs / the check-in desk* for their bags to be checked.
4 I showed my boarding pass and ID at the *baggage reclaim / gate* and went to board my flight.
5 I didn't have a boarding pass, so I had to queue at the *check-in desk / customs* to get one.
6 We could see our plane on the *runway / gate* while we were waiting to board.
7 We parked as near as possible to the *airport terminal / VIP lounge* because we were late.
8 The quickest way to find your flight on the departures board is to look at the *flight times / runway*.
9 I was wearing boots, so I had to take them off at *security / baggage drop-off*.
10 When I went to *baggage reclaim / flight times*, I found that my suitcase hadn't arrived.

c Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

arrivals ~~business class~~ collect delayed
first class illegal goods luggage trolley

1 Companies usually pay for employees to travel *business class*.
2 If your suitcase has wheels, you don't need to use a _____.
3 There's usually a line of taxis waiting outside _____.
4 Passengers who are travelling _____ sit in the most comfortable seats on the plane.
5 You should always keep your _____ with you when you're in an airport.
6 Customs officers check travellers' bags to make sure they are not trying to bring _____ into the country.
7 It can sometimes take a long time to get out of the airport if you have to wait to _____ your bags from baggage reclaim.
8 The departures board informs passengers whether a flight is on time, boarding, or _____.

d Complete the text.

Last year, I wanted to travel from Madrid to Hamburg to visit a friend. I had booked an [1] *international* flight from Madrid to Frankfurt and a [2] c_____ fl_____ from Frankfurt to Hamburg. I printed off my [3] b_____ p_____ the day before my flight, and I took it with me to the airport. I was able to go straight to security in [4] D_____ because I only had [5] h_____ l_____ – a small backpack. After [6] sc_____ my bag, they opened it and [7] ch_____ it to make sure I wasn't carrying any [8] l_____ or [9] sh_____ ob_____, like scissors. When I finally got my bag back, I looked at the [10] d_____ b_____ to see if my flight was already [11] b_____. I needn't have worried, because the flight was [12] d_____. The plane didn't [13] t_____ o_____ until two hours later. When I eventually arrived in Frankfurt, I was happy to see that my next flight was [14] o_____ t_____. However, just before we were due to [15] b_____, we were informed that the flight had been cancelled – apparently, planes couldn't [16] l_____ in Hamburg because of bad weather. In the end, I finished my journey by train, and I arrived in Hamburg eight hours late!

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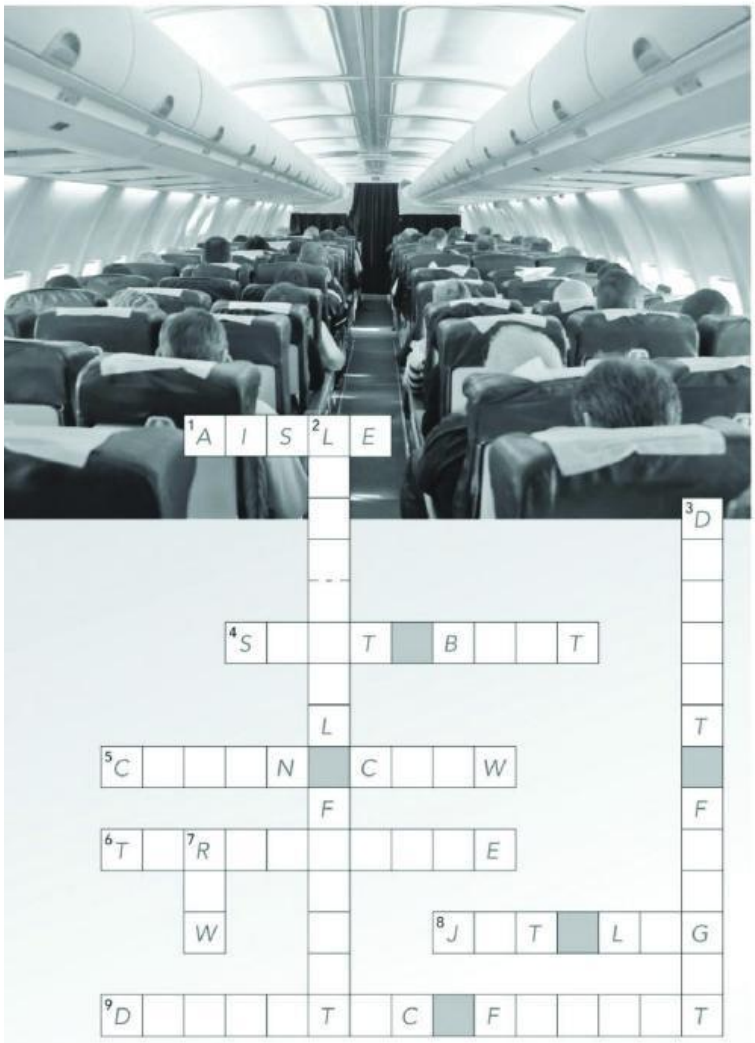
e Complete the crossword.



ACROSS →

1 the passage between the rows of seats on a plane
4 a thing that you fasten around your body to hold you in your seat
5 the people whose job it is to take care of passengers on a plane
6 a series of sudden and violent changes in the direction that air is moving
8 the tired feeling that people often have after a long journey in a plane to a place where the local time is different
9 a flight between places within the same country

DOWN ↓

2 a flight that transports people over long distances, e.g. between two continents
3 a flight that goes from one place to another without stopping
7 a line of seats on a plane

f Circle a, b, or c.

1 I ____ abroad five or six times a year.
a journey **b** travel **c** trip
2 I had a terrible ____ here – the flight was delayed, and then we had a lot of turbulence.
a journey **b** travel **c** trip
3 Is Hannah back from her ____ to South America?
a journey **b** travel **c** trip
4 We have to ____ 400 km if we want to see my grandparents.
a journey **b** travel **c** trip
5 My sister wants to go on a ____ around the world in her gap year.
a journey **b** travel **c** trip
6 My ____ to work takes me about an hour.
a journey **b** travel **c** trip

g Complete the phrasal verbs in the questions with a particle from the list.

in (x2) off (x3) on up (x2)

1 Who **picked** you up _____ from the airport the last time you travelled?
2 When do you usually **check** _____ for a flight?
3 Who usually **drops** you _____ at the airport?
4 Have you ever **filled** _____ an immigration form? If so, when?
5 What's the first thing you do when you **get** _____ a plane?
6 Have you ever **picked** _____ the wrong bag at baggage reclaim?
7 Are you usually in a hurry to **get** _____ the plane? Why / Why not?
8 Do you ever feel nervous when a plane **takes** _____?

h Answer the questions in **g**.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

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