AT THE AIRPORT

1 WARM UP

Read and answer the trivia questions:

1. Where is the biggest airport in the world?
   a) **Beijing, China** b) *New York, USA* c) *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

2. What is the longest possible plane journey?
   a) *14 hours* b) **18 hours** c) *24 hours*

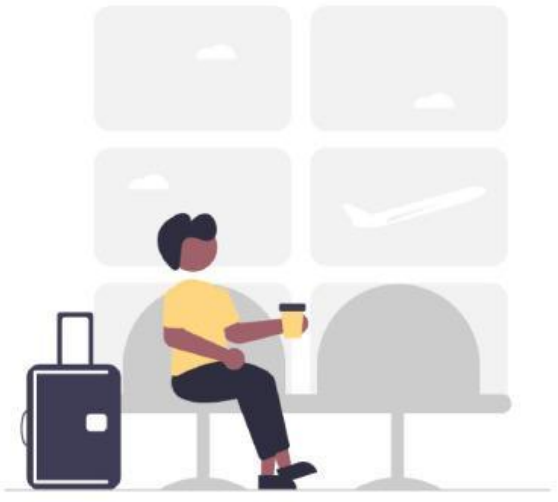
3. What is the maximum speed of a plane?
   a) **900 km/h** b) *500 km/h* c) *120 km/h*

4. Which airport has the IATA code "LAX"?
   a) *London Heathrow* b) **Los Angeles** c) *Sydney*

5. Which country is home to the Changi Airport, widely regarded as one of the best airports in the world?
   a) **Singapore** b) *Japan* c) *United States*

Discussion Questions:

- Is there an airport in your city?
- What is the longest plane journey you have been on?
- Do you like going to airports and flying?



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2 AIRPORT VOCABULARY

Match the words from the box to the correct pictures.

boarding pass	luggage	gate	seat	cabin crew	runway



1. **luggage**



2. **cabin crew**



3. **boarding pass**



4. **seat**



5. **gate**



6. **runway**

Complete the sentences using the words above.

1. I showed my **boarding pass** to the employee before getting on the plane.
2. I had to pay a fine because my **luggage** was too heavy.
3. I need to go to **gate** number 14.
4. I selected a comfortable **seat** near the window.
5. The friendly **cabin crew** welcomed passengers onto the aeroplane.
6. The aeroplane accelerated down the **runway** during takeoff.

Answer the questions:

a) Do you print your **boarding pass** before going to the airport?
b) Have you ever paid a fine because your **luggage** was too heavy?
c) Do you like an aisle or a window **seat**?
d) Do you think working as a member of the **cabin crew** is a fun job?
e) Have you ever gone to the wrong **gate**?

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3 CHECK-IN DESK DIALOGUE

Task 1: Use phrases from the box below to complete the dialogue.

Where does the flight leave from?	How do I get to gate 14?
Could I have your passport, please?	Do you have any luggage to check-in?
Did you pack this suitcase yourself?	Would you like a window or an aisle seat?

John: Hello!

Airport employee: Hi, how are you?

John: I'm great, thanks! Can I check-in for my flight to New York please?

Airport employee: Yes, of course. **Could I have your passport, please?**

John: Yes, here it is.

Airport employee: **Do you have any luggage to check-in?**

John: Yes, I have a suitcase here.

Airport employee: Ok great. **Did you pack this suitcase yourself?**

John: Yes, I packed it myself.

Airport employee: Great. **Would you like a window or an aisle seat?**

John: I would like a window seat please.

Airport employee: Perfect. Here is your boarding pass.

John: **Where does the flight leave from?**

Airport employee: From gate 14 at 2pm.

John: **How do I get to gate 14?**

Airport employee: Go through entrance B and follow the signs.

John: Perfect, thanks for your help!

Airport employee: Have a safe trip!

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Task 2: Dialogue questions:

1. What is John's destination? **New York.**
2. Did John have any luggage? **Yes, a suitcase.**
3. Did John's mum pack his suitcase? **No.**
4. What is the difference between 'luggage' and 'suitcase'? **No big difference, apart from grammatical - plural (luggage) and singular (suitcase).**
5. What is the meaning of 'aisle seat'? **Next to the aisle / corridor. Away from the window.**
6. What information will be on John's boarding pass? **All pictured in exercise 3.**

Task 3: Act out the dialogue with a partner. Take turns being the employee and John.

4 BOARDING PASS

Study the picture of the boarding pass below, then answer the questions.



Questions:

1. What is the name of the passenger? **John Doe**
2. Where will he sit on the plane? **24A**
3. What date is the flight? **12 Nov 2015**
4. Where is John Doe departing from? **Moscow**
5. What time will people start entering the plane? **11:30am**
6. What is the gate number? **47**
7. What is the flight number? **OKL018**
8. Does John Doe have an economy or first class ticket? **Economy**

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5 AIRPORT READING

Complete the vocabulary exercise by matching the words (1-6) to their correct definition. Then read the text, and answer the questions.

1.	Duty-free **C**	a.	the building where people depart and arrive.
2.	Airport Terminal **A**	b.	a place to get your boarding pass and give bags.
3.	Check-in desk **B**	c.	a shop where products are cheaper than normal.
4.	Metal detector **E**	d.	to enter the plane.
5.	Departure lounge **A**	e.	a device to find metal.
6.	Board **D**	f.	a place where passengers wait before flying.

John's First Airport Experience

Last week I flew from London to New York, it was my first trip alone. I was nervous, but excited too! The day started when I took a taxi from my hotel to the airport. The taxi journey took 10 minutes and cost £10. I was happy to pay for it because the journey was quick and more convenient than the bus or train.

I arrived at the airport 3 hours before my flight. I arrived early because I did not want to miss it. When I entered the airport terminal, I followed the signs to the check-in desk. I waited in a queue for 15 minutes before I spoke to an employee at the check-in desk.

The employee was polite and helpful. She asked me some questions about my luggage and travel plans. Then, she asked to see my passport and ticket. The employee entered my details into the computer, then printed my boarding pass. The boarding pass had all my flight information on it. I put my boarding pass, passport, and ticket safely in my bag.

After checking in, I went through security. I was nervous when I went through because everybody was very serious. The security employees checked my bag, and I went through a metal detector. Luckily, I did not have any problems!

I went to the duty free shops, where there were many different products at low prices. I bought a jacket to prepare for the cold weather in New York. I loved shopping in the duty free shops because I saved a lot of money!

Then I went to the departure lounge, where I waited for 45 minutes. I listened to music and read a book while I waited. After 45 minutes, I walked to gate 14 to board the plane. I showed my passport and boarding pass to the airport employees, then boarded the plane. The plane departed on time, so I was very happy!

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Answer the comprehension questions using full sentences.

a) Where did John fly from? **London.**

b) Who did John fly with? **Alone.**

c) How much did his taxi cost? **£10.**

d) Why did he arrive at the airport early? **He did not want to miss his flight.**

e) How did John feel when he went through security? **Nervous.**

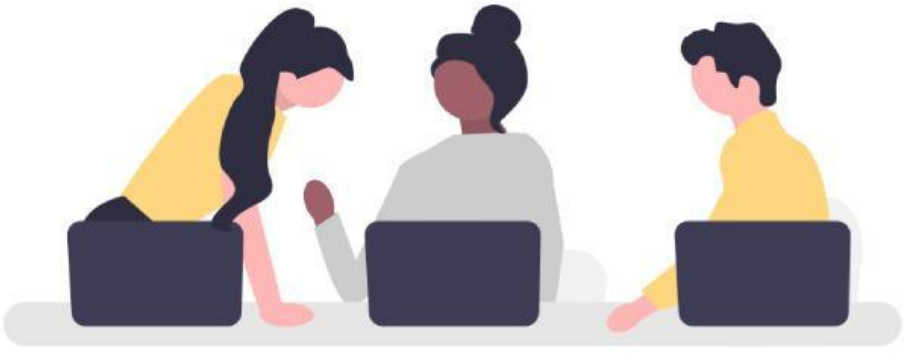
f) Why does John like duty free shopping? **Products are cheaper.**

g) What did John do in the departure lounge? **Listened to music and read.**

h) What did John show to the airport employees before boarding the plane? **Boarding pass and passport.**

6 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the good things about air travel?
2. What are the bad things about air travel?
3. Do you prefer to travel alone or with other people?
4. Do you buy anything from duty free?
5. Where is your dream holiday destination? How long is the flight?
6. How do you feel when going through airport security?
7. Have you ever forgotten to take an important document to the airport?
8. What is the longest flight delay you have experienced?
9. Do you think working as a pilot is an exciting or boring job? Explain.
10. Do you prefer travelling by plane or train?
11. Do you like the food on the planes?
12. How do you pass the time on a long flight?



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7 LISTENING

Task 1: Listen to the audio, then decide if the following statements are true or false.

1. Mike wants to see Buckingham Palace before the Tower of London. **T**
2. Mike's uncle went to London last year in August and it was sunny every day. **F**
3. Jen is nervous about flying. **F**
4. They are flying with British Airways. **F**
5. Gate 7 is where they need to go for their flight. **F**
6. Their flight boards at 9:30. **T**
7. Gate 24 is on the eastern side of the airport. **F**
8. The airport shuttle takes 10 minutes to get to gates 10 to 30. **T**
9. They have plenty of time before their flight. **F**
10. They are excited to be going to London. **T**

Task 2: Listen to the video again. Write a short summary of the video, explaining what is happening at the airport. Share your summary with the class.

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HOMEWORK

1 GRAMMAR: VERB TENSES

Read the text from the lesson again, then complete the tasks.

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Grammar Exercises:

1. Identify all the past simple verbs from the text.
2. Write the present simple and the past participle version of each verb.
3. Write 5 sentences using a verb and tense of your choice.

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2 WRITING TASK

Write a short text describing your first airport experience (250 words).

- Use the vocabulary from the lesson.
- Use the text "John's First Airport Experience" from the lesson as a guide.
- Describe what you did at the airport.
- Describe the airport processes (check-in, security, departure lounge).
- Describe how you felt.

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