

14/ Going on holiday/vacation

Words you need...



- ▶ **to arrive** to get to a place
- ▶ **to book (something)** to arrange to do something or have something such as tickets or a hotel room
- ▶ **to check in** to go to a place at an airport where you show your ticket to someone before you travel
- ▶ **a flight** a journey in an aircraft
- ▶ **to fly (somewhere)** to go on a journey in an aircraft
- ▶ **to get back** to return to your home at the end of a journey
- ▶ **a journey** a period of time when you travel from one place to another
- ▶ **to leave (somewhere)** to go away from a place
- ▶ **to stay (somewhere)** to live somewhere such as a hotel when you are away from home
- ▶ **a visa** an official document that allows you to enter a country



▶ **baggage**



▶ **an airport**



▶ **a passport**



▶ **a ticket**

UK / US  

In UK English, the word **holiday** is used. In US English the word **vacation** is used.

Exercise 1

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 When we arrived, we had to [see/show/look] our passports.
- 2 Our flight [leaves/starts/goes up] at 12.20.
- 3 People from the UK [use/have/need] a visa to go to Russia.
- 4 It is best to [hold/buy/pay] your tickets online.
- 5 We left [home/house/apartment] in the morning.
- 6 You must be tired after such a [far/big/long] journey.
- 7 We have already booked our [journeys/passports/flights].
- 8 He helped me [have/carry/hold] my baggage.

Using prepositions to talk about travel



After **go** and **get**, we use **to** before a place name or a building:

- ▶ *I'm going to Ecuador/the airport.*
- ▶ *We got to Istanbul/the station at three.*

After **arrive**, we use **in** before a place name, and **at** before a building:

- ▶ *We arrived in Mexico/Denver at 3 p.m.*
- ▶ *We arrived at the station/the airport at nine.*

Exercise 2



Write one word in each gap to complete the email. Listen and check.

Hi Laura,
Thanks for your message, but I can't come to the movies tomorrow, because I'm going ¹ to São Paulo for a meeting, and I won't get ² until nearly midnight. It's crazy – I have to leave my house at 5 in the morning. We're flying ³ Galeão airport at 10, but it takes a long time to get there from where I live, and we have to check ⁴ in at 8. We arrive ⁵ at São Paulo at 11, and the meeting lasts all day. I will be so tired :(I wish we could stay ⁶ at a hotel in São Paulo tomorrow night.
See you soon, I hope!
Jo x