Lesson
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WORDS TO LEARN

agent
announcement
beverage
blanket
board
claim
delay
depart
embarkation
itinerary
prohibit
valid

General Travel

Study the following definitions and examples.

1. **agent** n., a representative of a company
   a. A travel agent can usually find you the best deals on tickets and hotels.
   b. You can buy your ticket from the ticket agent at the train station right before you get on the train.
2. **announcement** n., a public notification
   a. Did you hear an announcement about our new departure time?
   b. I expect an announcement any time now about a snow emergency at the airport.
3. **beverage** n., a drink other than plain water
   a. The flight attendant offered all passengers a cold beverage during the flight.
   b. The restaurant had a range of beverages on the drinks menu, including soft drinks and juices.
4. **blanket** n., a covering for keeping warm, especially during sleep; any full coverage; v., to cover uniformly
   a. It's going to be a cold night so I'll ask housekeeping to send an extra blanket for our bed.
   b. The snow blanketed the windshield, making it difficult to see the roads.
5. **board** v., to enter a boat, plane, or train
   a. For security reasons, visitors are not allowed in the area of the airport where passengers board the planes.
   b. We will board the train for New York in ten minutes.
6. **claim** v., to take as rightful; to retrieve
   a. Please proceed directly to the baggage arrival area to claim your luggage.
   b. Lost luggage can be claimed at the airline office.
7. **delay** v., to postpone until a later time
   a. The bus was delayed due to inclement weather.
   b. The heavy traffic delayed our arrival at the train station.
8. **depart** v., to go away or leave; to vary from a regular course of action.
   a. After the wedding, the married couple departed for their honeymoon in Morocco.
   b. We're going to depart from our usual policy and allow you to leave work early one day a week.
9. **embarkation** n., the process of getting on a plane or ship
   a. Cruise passengers are given a pass for embarkation when they check in at the dock.
   b. The flight crew must check the passengers' documents before embarkation.
10. **itinerary** n., a proposed route for a journey, showing dates and means of travel
    a. He reviewed the itinerary the travel agent had faxed him before purchasing the ticket.
    b. I had to change my itinerary when I decided to add two more countries to my vacation.
11. **prohibit** v., to forbid by authority or to prevent
    a. We were prohibited from wearing casual clothes in the office.
    b. Airline regulations prohibit the passengers from having beverages open during takeoff and landing.
12. **valid** adj., having legal efficacy or correctness
    a. I need to make certain that my passport is valid if we plan to go overseas this December.
    b. The officer's argument for increased airport security seemed valid at the time.

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WORDS IN CONTEXT

Read the following passage and write the words in the blanks below.

agent	blanket	delayed	itinerary
announcements	board	depart	prohibited
beverage	claims	embarkation	valid

When Ms. Tan has to go on business travel, she calls her favorite travel (1) _____. He reminds her to make sure that she takes a (2) _____ passport on her trip. Once her reservations have been made and confirmed, the travel agent will issue a ticket and an (3) _____. Before leaving for the airport, she calls the airline to check if the flight is on time and has not been (4)_____.

At the airport, after checking in her suitcase at the check-in counter, since she is (5) _____ from taking more than one piece of carry-on luggage onto the plane, Ms. Tan receives her (6) _____ card. She will present this at the gate when it is time to (7) _____ her flight. She is told to be at the gate 15 minutes before the flight is to (8) _____. During the flight, the attendant may offer her a (9) _____, and she can even request a (10) _____ if she is cold. The captain will make (11) _____ during the flight to let the passengers know at what altitude they are flying, and when they may expect to arrive at their destination.

Once the flight has landed, Ms. Tan disembarks and must go through customs after she (12) _____ her baggage. After this, she will take a cab to the hotel where she is staying, so she can rest and prepare for her meeting the next day. She will also reconfirm her return flight a day or two before she leaves to return home.

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verb	announce	The captain announced that the flight would be landing in approximately 15 minutes.
noun	announcement	The flight attendant made an announcement reminding the passengers that this was a no-smoking flight.
noun	announcer	The announcer gave the instructions for boarding, in three languages.

verb	board	You can't board the flight without an embarkation card.
noun	board	The board of directors met to discuss problems with the striking pilots.
adjective	onboard	The onboard telephone was expensive to use, but a true time-saver.

verb	claim	International passengers must proceed to customs as soon as they claim their baggage.
noun	claim	If the airline has lost your luggage, you can file a claim with the insurance company.
noun	claimant	There was a long line of claimants waiting at the lost luggage office.

verb	delay	Please don't delay me; I need to get to my gate immediately.
noun	delay	The delay in takeoff times was caused by a bad storm.

verb	depart	The flight will depart from Gate 25.
noun	departure	The pilot always reminds the flight attendants to make sure that all passengers are ready for departure.
adjective	departed	The house felt empty without the departed guests.

verb	validate	You can get your parking ticket validated at the concierge desk.
noun	validation	The restaurant received three stars, which is quite a validation of the chef's skills.
adjective	valid	Your ticket is no longer valid because it was issued over a year ago.

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WORD PRACTICE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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Track 11

Part 1 Photo

Look at the picture and listen to the sentences. Choose the sentence that best describes the picture.



1. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

Part 2 Question–Response

Listen to the question and the three responses. Choose the response that best answers the question.

2. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ

3. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ

Part 3 Conversation

Listen to the dialogue. Then read each question and choose the best answer.

4. Who is the man speaking with?
   (A) A pilot.
   (B) A waitress.
   (C) A travel agent.
   (D) A flight attendant.

5. What does the woman offer the man?
   (A) Something to eat.
   (B) Something to read.
   (C) Something to drink.
   (D) Something to listen to.

6. When will they arrive?
   (A) In one hour.
   (B) In two hours.
   (C) In three hours.
   (D) In four hours.

Part 4 Talk

Listen to the talk. Then read each question and choose the best answer.

7. What do passengers have to show the flight attendant?
   (A) An embarkation card.
   (B) A passport.
   (C) A trip itinerary.
   (D) A boarding pass.

8. When will the flight leave?
   (A) At 1:15.
   (B) In twenty minutes.
   (C) At nine o'clock.
   (D) In five minutes.

9. What is not allowed before takeoff?
   (A) Talking on the phone.
   (B) Selling things.
   (C) Drinking.
   (D) Dining.

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Part 5 Incomplete Sentences

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

10. The desk clerk _____ the change in gate numbers at least an hour ago.
    (A) announcement (C) announcer
    (B) announcing (D) announced

11. When it's time to _____ the flight, an announcement will be made.
    (A) boarded (C) board
    (B) boarding (D) boarder

12. As soon as John _____ his luggage, he went outside to look for a taxi.
    (A) claim (C) claimant
    (B) claimed (D) claims

13. The man had to _____ his travel plans because an emergency came up at work.
    (A) delay (C) delayed
    (B) delaying (D) delays

14. The train's _____ was delayed because of a problem on the track.
    (A) departed (C) departs
    (B) departure (D) depart

15. The airport applied a blanket rule that all passengers must be in possession of _____ tickets in order to enter the waiting area.
    (A) valid (C) validate
    (B) validity (D) validation

Part 6 Text Completion

Information for Travelers

* We make every effort to leave on time. To avoid __16__, please plan to arrive at least one hour before your scheduled departure time. This is especially important because all passengers must pass through security control.

* Scissors, nail clippers, and other sharp instruments __17__ on board. Leave these items at home or surrender them to the security officer in charge.

* Each passenger is allowed two small carry-on bags. Check your excess luggage with the attendant. You can claim it at the end of your trip.

* We request that passengers remain in the waiting area until the attendant __18__ the embarkation time. Please don't attempt to board ahead of time.

* Your comfort is our priority. Snack service is available on board. Please ask the attendant for pillows and blankets if you require them.

Thank you for traveling with us. Have a safe and happy trip.

16. (A) delays
    (B) delights
    (C) deliveries
    (D) delusions

17. (A) prohibit
    (B) prohibits
    (C) are prohibited
    (D) are prohibiting

18. (A) announce
    (B) announces
    (C) will announce
    (D) does announce

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Part 7 Reading Comprehension

Questions 19–23 refer to the following travel itinerary.

Breezeway Travel Agency

Itinerary for: Edward Rochester

April 15	Depart New York City — 10:30 P.M. *Solar Airlines flight 133 Arrive Seattle, WA — 12:15 P.M.
	Hotel: Puget Inn 1764 Capital Street Seattle, WA
April 18	Depart Seattle — 8:05 A.M. **Train # 10 ***Arrive Vancouver, Canada 11:20 A.M.
	Hotel: Gas Town Hotel 375 Alaska Avenue Vancouver, Canada
April 20	Depart Vancouver — 11:30 P.M. *Solar Airlines flight 136
April 21	Arrive New York City — 5:10 A.M.

* Please arrive at airport at least one hour ahead of scheduled departure time.
Plane will begin boarding 20 minutes ahead of scheduled departure time.
It is prohibited to bring firearms, explosive devices, or sharp instruments on board any Solar Airlines flight.
There is no meal service on board any Solar Airlines flight. Beverages will be available for sale.

** Please arrive at train station 30 minutes before scheduled departure time.

*** A valid passport is required for entry into Canada.

19. How many nights will Mr. Rochester stay at the Puget Inn?
(A) One.
(B) Two.
(C) Three.
(D) Four.

20. What time can he get on the return flight to New York City?
(A) 10:30.
(B) 11:10.
(C) 11:30.
(D) 5:10.

21. What can he buy during the flight?
(A) A meal.
(B) A drink.
(C) A passport.
(D) A train ticket.

22. The word *itinerary* in line 2 is closest in meaning to
(A) bill
(B) ticket
(C) advice
(D) schedule

23. The word *prohibited* in line 20 is closest in meaning to
(A) not encouraged
(B) uncommon
(C) permitted
(D) not allowed

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