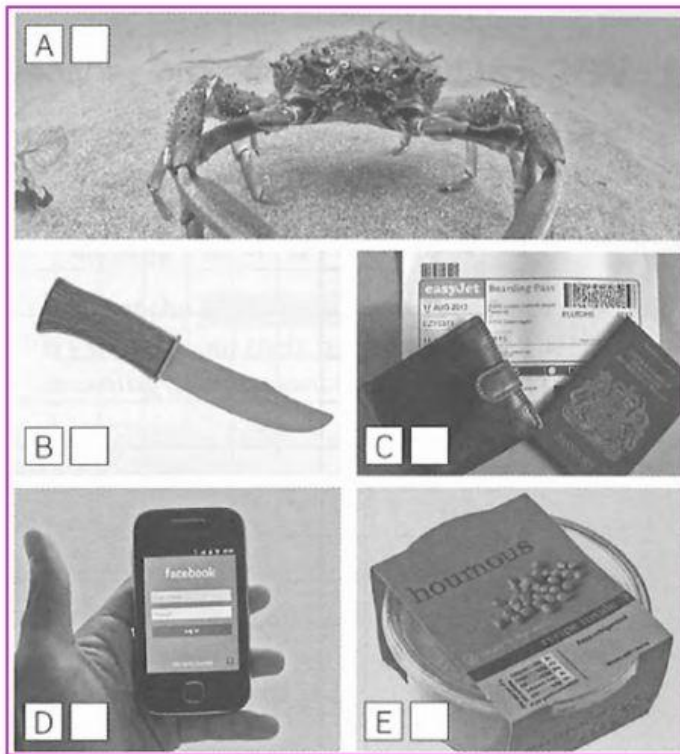


Listening Practice

Listen to five speakers talking about their experiences at airport security.
Match Speakers 1-5 with photos A -E.



Listen again and match the speakers 1-5 to the sentences.

- I was very annoyed because I was going to have it for dinner.
- As you can imagine, he wasn't at all amused.
- It's a good job I found it and not the security scanner!
- I was lucky to have found such a kind man.
- Honestly, I don't know what I'd do without her!

Speaker 1

This happened a long time ago when my youngest son, Mati, was about five. We had been visiting friends in England, and they had given him a plastic knife as a present. When we got to airport security, the knife showed up on the screen, and a customs official took it out of our bag. While I was talking to the customs official and explaining about the knife, I heard my son shout: 'Hands up!' I turned around and saw him pointing his plastic water pistol at the customs official.

Speaker 2

Recently, I went to visit a friend in Spain. When I got to the airport to fly home, I realized that I'd left my phone at her house. I needed to contact her urgently so that she could bring the phone to the airport, but I had absolutely no idea of her number. Then I remembered that she had sent it to me in a message on Facebook. I explained my problem to one of the men at security, and he let me use his smartphone to access the site and find the number. When I found it, I called my friend, and she brought my phone to the airport.

Speaker 3

I live abroad and I miss certain things from home, especially houmous. In case you don't know, houmous is a Middle Eastern dish which is a kind of thick paste you can put on bread. In England, you can buy it in a jar from a supermarket. Anyway, on my last trip home to London, I had bought some houmous to take home with me. Unfortunately, the security screener saw the jar in my bag and told me that houmous counts as a liquid. She said that I couldn't take it with me and then threw it away.

Speaker 4

It was summer, and my children were quite young at the time. The day before our flight, we had been to the beach. We had spent most of the day on the rocks with a net and a bucket catching crabs. We put the crabs back before we left the beach and then we went home. The next day, at the airport, I noticed that my daughter's bag was extremely wet. When I opened it, I discovered that she had put one of the crabs in an old coffee jar filled with water. Apparently, she wanted to show it to her friends back home.

Speaker 5

You won't believe what I did at the airport once! When we got to the security gate, I suddenly remembered that I had a small bottle of mineral water in my backpack, so I took it out to throw it away in the containers they have there. Unfortunately, I had my wallet with my passport and my boarding pass in the same hand, so when I threw the bottle in, everything else fell in, too. I was hysterical when I realized what I had done, but fortunately my girlfriend was there to help me. She put her arm in the container and felt around until she found my wallet.